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## Pakistani premier in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto arrived Saturday and immediately visited Muslim holy shrines in Baghdad before meeting senior Iraqi officials. Bhutto, who flew from Islamabad after a three-day visit to Turkey, was accompanied by a high-ranking delegation. They were given a red carpet welcome and greeted by Izzat Ibrahim, vice chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council and the most senior figure after President Saddam Hussein. Bhutto was scheduled to meet the president and First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan later for talks expected to centre on bilateral relations, Afghanistan and the stalled peace talks between Iraq and Iran. Diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Pakistani leader was expected to seek Iraq's help in breaking the deadlock over plans to set up a broad-based Afghan government in Kabul following the Soviet military withdrawal in February. Iraq last month received the foreign spokesman of the Afghan rebel leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. But the Baghdad government was not so far recognised the government proclaimed by the Mujahideen rebel factions. The rebels are still battling the Kabul government (see page 21).

## Anti-Rushdie rally turns violent

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of Muslims from around Britain gathered in a large demonstration that turned into violence. Police reported 38 arrests and 22 injuries in a confrontation in front of the houses of "The Salafite Varzes," began their march peacefully, halting traffic in central London, but causing no serious trouble. They set out from Hyde Park waving banners and shouting slogans, then made their way to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office at 10 Downing St. to hand in a petition demanding a change in Britain's blasphemy laws so they can challenge the novel "The Satanic Verses." After they reached parliament square, in front of Big Ben, the members of Iranian and Iraqi factions entered the area in police vans, making arrests. Police formed a solid line and swept spectators out of the way, herding them onto crowd-choked Westminster Bridge, then lined up riot police officers with riot shields across the embankment.

## Arabs hail outcome of summit

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Arab commentators welcomed the outcome of this week's Arab summit in Casablanca, praising it for uniting round the Palestinian peace drive and arriving at some form of compromise over a peace formula for Lebanon. Israel's media remained unimpressed, while newspapers in Iran were dismissive. In Lebanon itself, reaction was mixed. Some papers expressed satisfaction but independent and right-wing newspapers were sarcastic or bitter. Such words as "responsible," "realistic," "rational," "determination" and "new beginning" peppered the opinion columns of many Arab newspapers. "The most accurate description of the Casablanca summit decision is that they were conciliatory and realistic to an extent that makes them applicable and enforceable," the Abu Dhabi daily Al Fajr said. "Rather than using the rhetoric of past practices, the summit preferred a somewhat low profile but strictly realistic approach," said the English-language Egyptian Mail. The summit, which marked the return of Egypt to the Arab League after 10 years in the cold, rallied behind the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Middle East peace initiative, turning it into common Arab strategy. Erstwhile foes held reconciliation meetings. In particular Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had talks with President Hafez Al

Assad of Syria and Libya's Muammar Qadhafi. "The resolutions show that a healing process has been taking place at Casablanca and that notwithstanding the sharp controversy and disagreements... the leaders recognised the need for compromise and consensus," the Dubai-based Gulf News said. "Organising the interior of the Arab home is the first step towards solving all the problems of the area," said the Saudi Al Jazira newspaper. In Iran, Kayhan International denounced what it said was a lack of genuine Arab concern over the problems of the Arab World. Jomhuri Islami said the Lebanon compromise was unlikely to succeed. In Israel, the media reported

events at the summit without editorial comment, which focused instead on clashes between Jewish settlers and Palestinians in the occupied territories. The Moroccan opposition daily l'Opinion said the Arab leaders had completely satisfied the demands of Washington and Moscow. "The first wanted recognition of (U.N. Resolutions) 242 and 338 and the non-rejection of elections in the occupied territories and the second demanded a joint Arab position," it said. "Israel must now confront not only the Arab World on the political level but also American pressures." The summit agreed to step up diplomatic pressure for an international Middle East peace conference to achieve a Palestinian state alongside Israel. The offensive will be led by Morocco's King Hassan. "King Hassan's mission, parallel to the PLO peace initiative, will open doors towards an international conference," PLO spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman said. He said the summit had shown, beyond doubt, that the Arab World was fully behind peace with Israel. "The ball is in Israel's court," he declared. King Hassan, along with the leaders of Jordan, Egypt, Syria and the PLO, will try to seek support for the conference idea from the United States and the four other permanent U.N. Security Council members.

## Israelis, Palestinians meet to discuss peace

NAHALIN, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Thousands of Israeli peace activists Saturday met with West Bank villagers who lost relatives in the Palestinian uprising. In clashes in the occupied Gaza Strip, soldiers shot and wounded two Palestinian teenagers, including a 17-year-old who was hit in the abdomen, hospitals reported. In the West Bank town of Hebron, army and police forces mounted a search for a Palestinian prisoner who cut the bars of his prison cell Saturday and escaped by sliding down an improvised rope made of a blanket, Israeli radio reported. The prisoner, Shadi Darwish, was arrested nine months ago on suspicion of killing an Arab policeman in the West Bank, it said. In three villages and a refugee camp in the West Bank some 3,000 Israeli activists of the Peace Now movement held meetings with Palestinians who lost relatives in the uprising. Soldiers watched the gatherings from afar without intervening. "If we can prove to Israelis that relations, even political, are possible, it would also make possible the idea of a compromise and withdrawal," Yosi Amir, a Hebrew University lecturer, said at the village of Nahalin. In Nahalin, near Bethlehem, almost 200 Palestinian men, women and children, many wearing traditional robes, came to greet the hundreds of Israelis. Last month, this small village surrounded by barren rocky hills, suffered one of the bloodiest incidents in the Palestinian uprising. Paramilitary border police raided Nahalin, killing five and wounding at least 18 Palestinians. A total of 498 Palestinians have been killed since the Palestinian rebellion began in December 1987. "No one of us can bring back the people who were killed, but if they welcome us when we come here despite what happened, it will be the finest reconciliation possible," said left-wing legislator Dedi Zucker. "I stand here and greet you because we need peace," said Mohammad Attiyah, whose 22-year-old son Suhbi was shot and killed in the police raid on Nahalin. "But if I acted like the border police, I should kill ten," he said. Zucker responded: "We all have volumes of claims against the other, but we must look forward, not backward." The gathering was part of a "day of peace" that brought an estimated 3,000 activists of the Peace Now movement to three West Bank villages and a refugee camp. The movement advocates talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. Leaders of the 70,000 Jewish settlers living in the occupied territories condemned the meetings, and right-wing legislator Geula Cohen demanded that the West Bank be closed for such

"terrorist" events. As the Israelis and Palestinians met in Nahalin, the windshields of two cars belonging to Palestinian workers from Nahalin were smashed in a working-class neighbourhood in Jerusalem, and the cars' tires were slashed, one of the workers said in an interview. When two army jeeps drove up to the tar road leading to Nahalin, dozens of youths began shouting "Jaysh, Jaysh," and ran to the nearby fields to pick up stones to throw at the troops. Villagers stopped the children, and the jeeps pulled back from the area. In a speech in Hebrew to the gathering, village leader Abu Khalid said that only talks with the PLO could end the Palestinian rebellion. "We must remind the radical Israeli government that the Palestinian nation has its roots here and there must be peace with our sole legitimate representative, the PLO," he said.

While relatives of the dead said they would put aside thoughts of revenge if they could see evidence of moves towards Arab-Israeli peace, but young villagers dismissed Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan for elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israeli forces arrested dozens of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip Friday in a continuing crackdown on the uprising. At the end of the meeting, Palestinians and Israelis vowed to continue their peace dialogue. "It's a small start, but hopefully it's the beginning of a process," Zucker said. Samiha, a 47-year-old teacher who refused to give her last name, said she had never spoken informally to Israelis before the meeting. "It's been very beautiful for us," she said after exchanging telephone numbers with one of the meeting's organisers.

## No observer force for Lebanon — Sabah

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, back from an Arab summit in Morocco, told a local newspaper that plans to send a 300-strong observer force to Lebanon have been dropped. Sheikh Sabah headed an Arab League committee on Lebanon which wanted the observers to police a ceasefire that has substantially checked artillery battles across Beirut's green line since May 11. In remarks published Saturday by the newspaper Al Rai Al Aam, he said the proposal for an observer force drawn from several Arab countries and headed by a Kuwaiti officer had been superseded by the formation of a new heads-of-state committee to try to resolve Lebanon's civil war. The older committee of six foreign ministers, which was formed in January and held extensive consultations with Lebanese political and religious leaders, was also disbanded, he said. The new committee consists of Morocco's King Hassan, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria. "The assignment of the Arab League's six-man committee on Lebanon has now been totally terminated as a result of a decision by Arab leaders to set up the higher tripartite panel of three Arab heads of state," said Sheikh Sabah. Sabah said the 321-member Arab observer would not be formed "because there is no need for it since the whole matter has been assigned to the higher committee which will now take up the duty of handling the deteriorating situation in Lebanon." The Arab summit concluded Friday without a blueprint for ending Lebanon's 14-year civil war. The new committee has been given six months to solve Lebanon's tangled conflict. Lebanese rightists, led by army commander Michel Aoun, are insisting on a Syrian pullout of its forces in face of adamant rejection from Damascus. The Arab leaders also called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from South Lebanon. Lebanon's Pro-Syrian and leftist dailies were full of praise Saturday for the Arab resolution on Lebanon. But independent and right-wing newspapers were bitter.



A Chinese worker invites a soldier to participate in massive demonstration in Shanghai against martial law in Peking

## Chinese students call rally, may end sit-in

PEKING (Agencies) — Chinese students rallying around reformist Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang, the apparent victim of a hardliners' purge, called Saturday for mass protest marches across China Sunday. "We hope for at least a million people in Peking," said Lu Xiaogang, a spokesman for the city's independent student union, and student leader Chai Ling said the theme of the march was "Chinese all over the world unite." The students' leaders recommended that the 14-day-old occupation of the capital's main square end Tuesday after a final "victory march." In the first official acknowledgement of a power struggle at the top, former Chinese President Li Xianian accused "certain people in the leadership of the Communist Party" of creating confusion in China. The statement by the former president, broadcast on state-run radio and television, came two days after Zhao was reportedly stripped of power and placed under house arrest. Student leaders demanded an end to a martial law crackdown, ordered May 20 by Premier Li Peng, and the withdrawal of the tens of thousands of army troops surrounding Beijing. They said the approximately 10,000 students remaining in the square would make the final decision on whether to leave. They also called for April 27 to be made into a holiday for Chinese freedom and democracy. April 27 was the day that hundreds of thousands of students and workers took to the streets in Peking to protest a People's Daily editorial accusing the student movement of being nothing but "turnout." The student leaders said they wanted to leave the square because of "sanitation and to return the square to the people." Tens of thousands of students have occupied the square for more than two weeks since beginning a hunger strike there. Since the hunger strike ended and martial law was declared, thousands of students left Tiananmen, returning to their schools in Peking and elsewhere. In a critical speech, former President Li also was quoted as urging a crackdown on small band of criminals who he said were trying to overthrow the rule of the Communist Party. "These people have an organisation, a plan and a plot," he said. "If they succeed, China will be thrown into a deep disaster." In another blow to the moderate faction led by Zhao, Wan Li, the chairman of the standing committee of the National People's Congress, was quoted as throwing his support to Li Peng and other conservatives who ordered martial law. Wan, a moderate, cut short his visit to the United States earlier this week and was initially reported to be placed under house arrest on his arrival Tuesday in Shanghai. His statement Saturday, also read on state-run radio and television, also blamed the unrest on a small group of dissidents. "After I had time to study the situation," Wan was quoted as saying, "I realised that a small minority was behind a plot to

## NATO allies nervous over American plans

BRUSSELS (Agencies) — Nervousness emerged Saturday among North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies about a report that President George Bush may announce cuts in U.S. troops in Europe at next week's Brussels summit. The Washington Times report that he would announce a cut in U.S. troops in Europe of up to 10 per cent or 34,000 soldiers fuelled apprehension in the alliance, already deeply split over the future of short-range nuclear weapons (SNF). Bush, due in Brussels Sunday evening, declined comment on the report when asked about it during his visit to Rome. But a NATO diplomat said: "The report has not been denied and there is some nervousness about what the president might have in mind." There was speculation that Bush might be planning a dramatic public gesture to outshine Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev who has consistently grabbed the world spotlight by bold unilateral arms offers. Officials said, however, there was a risk that such a move might be seen as a punitive measure against West Germany, home to most of the U.S. forces in Europe, because of its quarrel with Washington over SNF. They said any weakening of the U.S. link to the defence of Western Europe, of which its troops are the most potent symbol, could deal a psychological blow to an alliance already buffeted by the storm over SNF. Officials said any announcement of unilateral cuts would represent a swerve in U.S. and NATO policy which has been that forces cuts should be negotiated in Vienna at the conventional forces in Europe (CFE) talks. Diplomats said meetings were taking place throughout the weekend at NATO headquarters before the summit Monday and Tuesday, which was called to mark the alliance's 40th anniversary. But they said there was no prospect of a compromise emerging on the SNF issue before the 16 leaders arrived. Prime minister Brian Mulroney of Canada and Andreas Papandreu of Greece, the latter accompanied by his girlfriend, Dimitra Liana, were the first arrivals Saturday. Bush, who was making a brief visit to Italy first, and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher both were scheduled to fly to Brussels Sunday evening. Among the last to arrive, and still reportedly thrashing out the contentious SNF issue among themselves, were the West Germans, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his more liberal-leaning foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher. West German officials have disclosed privately that the three-party governing coalition headed by Kohl has failed even within its own ranks to forge a united position on when and whether the superpowers should be pressed into SNF negotiations. Bush meets Italian leaders In Rome, Bush met Italian leaders Saturday on the first full day of a European trip during which he intends to assert his role as Western leader with proposals aimed at easing East-West tensions. Administration officials travelling with Bush are not revealing details of the proposals on the grounds that they must first be discussed with other members of the Western alliance at the NATO summit. Bush declined to answer Saturday when asked about reports that he was considering lifting economic sanctions on the Soviet Union imposed after its 1979 intervention in Afghanistan or reducing U.S. troop levels in Europe. At the start of a meeting with Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita at the 16th century Villa Madama government guest house Bush flashed reporters a tight smile when asked about his plans. But one official said privately that the president would propose lifting the sanctions against the Soviet Union.

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# Bhutto calls for removal of Soviet legacy in Kabul

ISTANBUL (Agencies) — Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto Saturday called for what she termed the vestiges of Soviet rule to be removed from Afghanistan to allow the formation in Kabul of a non-aligned, broad-based government.

Bhutto, speaking to reporters before leaving for Iraq after a four-day visit to Turkey, was apparently referring to Afghan President Najibullah.

"The symbols of Soviet rule continue in Kabul. The removal of these symbols (to go) is leading to the further agony of Afghanistan," Bhutto said.

Bhutto said Pakistan wanted a non-aligned state to emerge in Afghanistan after a political settlement which would entail "the removal of the vestiges of Soviet rules."

She added that 800 to 1,000 Afghan refugees were still arriving daily in Pakistan from the fighting that followed the completion in February of the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan after a nine-year occupation.

"We are unhappy about the military aspect of the situation," Bhutto said, but did not elaborate on Afghan accusations that Pakistani assistance to guerrillas fighting against the Kabul government might push the two neighbours towards war.

Bhutto declined to comment on reports she had replaced Lieutenant-General Hamid Gul, the army intelligence chief who had distributed millions of dollars worth of U.S. military aid to Afghan rebels.

Reports earlier in the week said Gul was replaced by General Shamsur Rahman Kallu, who was retired by the late president Mohammad Zia Ul Haq after he

suggested Zia should forfeit the post of army chief of staff while he was president.

The reports were welcomed by the Afghan government, which said Gul may have been the architect of rebel attacks on Jalalabad and that his ouster could signal a softening of Pakistan's stance towards Afghanistan.

Bhutto said Pakistan was willing to work for a peaceful solution to the civil war in Afghanistan. But she said Afghan groups do not recognise the present administration in Kabul and "there is nothing that we can do about it."

Officials said Friday the governments of Afghanistan and Iran were making progress in efforts aimed at ending the fighting between Afghan armed forces and rebels based in Tehran.

"Iran is becoming increasingly important. They oppose a military solution," said one official closely involved in the negotiations.

"If Pakistan does not push the seven-party alliance in Peshawar (Pakistan), then Iran will tell the eight-party alliance (in Tehran) to cut a deal with the Soviets and Najibullah," said the official.

The official said Tehran was anxious to begin repatriating an estimated two million Afghans who have sought exile in Iran during the 11-year-old civil war.

He also said Iran wanted to establish closer ties with the Kremlin and was concerned about the involvement of the Wahhabis in the war.

The Wahhabi sect of Islam is predominant in Saudi Arabia, which backs the guerrillas. But the sect is only a small minority in Afghanistan, where 80 per cent of the population belongs to the mainstreams Sunni branch.

Wahhabis are a subgroup within the Sunni branch.

The Tehran-based rebel alliance representing the Shi'ite minority in Afghanistan is at odds with the Sunni rebels based in Pakistan.

"Tehran has been making overtures to the Soviet Union and to our government," said a close adviser to the Afghan president. The official, who also insisted on anonymity, declined to elaborate on the talks, citing confidentiality and sensitivity of the issue.

Soviet Ambassador Yuli Vorontsov held talks with the coalition during a four-day visit to Tehran recently.

Senior Soviet diplomats in Kabul said Vorontsov described the talks as very good.

The meetings were his first since the Soviet troops entered nine years of military involvement in Afghanistan Feb. 15.

According to the Soviet officials, Vorontsov said the rebels opposed foreign interference and wanted an Afghan government composed of all groups, something the Soviets also are seeking.

Earlier this week, Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub suggested Moscow also resume talks with Afghan rebels in Pakistan for a political settlement.

Moscow made contact with Afghan rebels in Pakistan last December, but the guerrillas, backed largely by the United States and Pakistan, later said they would not talk to the Soviets until they stopped aiding the Kabul government.



POWS: Eighty-seven soldiers of Afghan army who were captured during the attack on Jalalabad-Kabul road post last month. They were brought to

Jalalabad, southeast of Kabul, and released after 20 days by the Mujahideen.

## Israeli Arabs feel more Palestinian, study says

TEL AVIV (R) — The 17-month-old Palestinian uprising has strengthened the identity of young Israeli Arabs as Palestinians, according to study of high school seniors.

The study of 313 Israeli Arabs, published in the Israeli daily Al Haimishmar, said 83 per cent felt their sense of Palestinian identity had risen during the revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

At the same time, 73 per cent said their Israeli identity declined, 26 per cent said it remained the same and three per cent said it increased.

Dr. Mahmoud Miar, who conducted the survey, found that 85 per cent of the students regarded themselves as Arabs, 83 per cent as Palestinians, 26 per cent as Israeli Arabs and seven per cent as Israelis.

About 700,000 Arabs live in pre-1967 Israel as Israeli citizens.

The study said most Israeli Arabs opposed or had reservations about contact with Jews and half said the uprising had decreased their willingness to become involved with Jews.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### 128 hanged in Iran in 2 weeks

NICOSIA (AP) — Eleven Iranian drug traffickers were hanged Saturday in the northern city of Tabriz, the official Iranian news agency (IRNA) reported, bringing the number of such executions to 128 in the past two weeks. The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the 11 were convicted for buying and selling heroin overseas and for trafficking in drugs locally. The IRNA report did not specify the amounts involved. The 11 were hanged in public in Tabriz, the capital of east Azerbaijan province 515 kilometres northwest of Tehran. The latest hangings brought the number of drug-related executions to 686 since the government started the year with a sweeping crackdown on narcotics trafficking. New laws went into effect in January that mandates the death penalty for even small amounts of drugs. The campaign gave drug addicts six months to stop or face prosecution. The deadline is July 23 and Iranian officials have announced that addicts will be sent to labour camps for at least a year. At least two million of Iran's 50 million population are reportedly involved in drug use.

### 3 held for Iran arms bid

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (R) — Two Canadians and a Swede were arrested here late Thursday on charges of attempting to buy and ship more than \$600 million worth of weapons and munitions to Iran. The three were arrested Friday before a federal magistrate for violations of the U.S. arms export control act, money laundering statutes and conspiracy laws. U.S. customs service spokesman Charles Conroy told Reuters. The arrests were the result of an 18-month undercover investigation, Conroy said. The three suspects, Ronald Arab and his wife Eileen of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Erik Niffen of Norrkoping, Sweden, had lived in Corpus Christi for several months while they attempted to buy weapons, Conroy said. "They had quite a shopping list," he said. Included on their list were C-130 aircraft parts, a complete attack helicopter, 106-mm recoilless rifles and ammunition, an F-5B trainer jet, an F-5E fighter jet and parts for F-4 and F-14 Phantom jets, Conroy said.

### Iran brushes aside condemnation

NICOSIA (R) — Iran described the European Parliament Friday as a gathering of mediocre politicians and said its statement condemning Tehran's "medieval regime" was best ignored. "The European parliament is a place which mediocre people who have no use in their countries get elected to," Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told a mass prayer meeting at Tehran University. A majority of the 518-member parliament signed a resolution Wednesday urging European Community (EC) states to break off relations with Tehran and "make every effort to exclude this medieval regime from the United Nations." The statement, which is not binding on the 12 EC countries, said Iran's seat at the United Nations should be occupied by the opposition Mujahideen-Khalq group, based in Iraq. Rafsanjani said the parliament's backing of the Mujahideen, whose guerrilla warfare campaign peaked in 1981, exposed double standards in its attitude to terrorism. "I don't think they deserve a reaction. I expect our media not to pay attention to them," Rafsanjani said in his sermon.

### Iranian minister visits Turkey

ANKARA (R) — Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati arrived in Ankara Friday with a message from Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi for Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal. Officials said Besharati's visit is the first high-level contact between the two countries since a diplomatic row which resulted in both recalling their ambassadors April 3. Ankara accused Iran of meddling in its internal affairs after protests in Tehran over a Turkish court ban on Islamic-style headscarves being worn on university campuses. "It is possible that Mousavi's message will contain Iran's views on ending the strain on the relations," a Turkish Foreign Ministry source said. Iran's ambassador to Ankara, Manoochehr Mottaki, returned to Turkey last week to prepare for his permanent departure and is expected to leave with Besharati Saturday, the ministry said.

## Iran says Khomeini is recovering well

NICOSIA (R) — Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, is continuing to make a good recovery after an operation last Tuesday and started taking liquid food orally Saturday, the Iranian news agency IRNA said.

It quoted a statement from Khomeini's bureau as saying the 88-year-old leader was "doing perfectly well" after surgery to stop internal bleeding.

Doctors treating Khomeini, who has no designated successor, said Friday he was recovering as expected and his vital organs were functioning satisfactorily.

Tehran Radio said meetings to pray for his health were held across Iran Friday and theological students sacrificed sheep as a gesture of thanksgiving.

Montazeri resumes teaching

Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, sacked by Khomeini as his designated successor, resumed teaching Saturday at Qom theological college, IRNA said.

IRNA said Montazeri opened his class with prayers for the full recovery of Khomeini.

Khomeini's son Ahmad said in a letter to a newsletter May 16 that Montazeri, a former student of Khomeini, was sacked in March because he had indirect contacts with opponents of the government.



Ayatollah Khomeini



Hossein-Ali Montazeri

## Sudan famine relief train hits new snags

KHARTOUM (R) — A train taking vital supplies to famine-hit south Sudan was derailed and delayed for three days after surviving a hold-up by about 200 gunmen, according to a United Nations official.

The train, doing just 10 kilometres an hour, resumed its slow journey Friday after some of its 48 wagons ran off the track Tuesday in a region controlled by rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), U.N. official Peter Schumann told reporters.

He said the 200 gunmen briefly held up the train further north Sunday, stole food and robbed four U.N. officials, including Brian Wannop, head of the "Lifeline" relief operation.

The gunmen took the food of many of the 111 people on board the train and extra supplies might have been sent to it by air, Schumann said.

Diplomats said the raiders probably belonged to an anti-SPLA tribal militia.

It unloaded another third Monday at government-held Malwal and was to deliver the rest to government-held Aweil, 250 kilometres south of Al Mughlad, Saturday.

The United Nations said 100,000 people could starve to death in south Sudan this year unless food supplies reach them quickly.

Six years of war between the government and the SPLA, fighting to end what it sees as domination of the south by the north, have destroyed normal agriculture in the region.

but without their families because of a lack of facilities.

The plant now processes 130,000 barrels of crude oil per day, one-fifth of its pre-war capacity which made it the biggest refinery in the world.

Mirdamadi said officials expected to repair up to 5,000 homes in Khorramshahr by next March, enabling 25,000 to 35,000 residents to return.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said electricity would be restored in Abadan and Khorramshahr within a month.

Khorramshahr's police department and city library were inaugurated Wednesday, the anniversary of the Iraqi withdrawal from the city in 1962.

Construction of a four-lane bridge across Karun River in Khorramshahr would begin soon, Mirdamadi said, but an old bridge wrecked by the Iraqis would be preserved as a monument to the eight-year war which ended with a ceasefire last August.

Up to 10,000 workers at Abadan's oil refinery, which resumed operation in April, live in the city

## Gold-stuffed tomb unearthed in Iraq

NICOSIA (AP) — Archaeologists have unearthed the gold-stuffed tomb of two women in what appears to be the richest single discovery ever made at ancient Nimrud in northern Iraq.

The 2,700-year-old tomb in the palace of King Ashurnasirpal II contained more than 25 kilograms of gold jewelry including diadems, necklaces, earrings, belts and anklets, according to the English-language Baghdad Observer.

The Iraqi News Agency, monitored in Cyprus, carried details of the newspaper report.

Nimrud, a sprawling site around 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, was a major city of the Assyrian empire that extended from the Gulf to the Mediterranean in the first millennium B.C. Ashurnasirpal was a ruthless but brilliant military leader who built the vast palace at Nimrud in the 9th century B.C.

Scores of Iraqi and foreign archaeological teams have dug at Nimrud in a century-and-a-half of excavations since British explorer Henry Layard uncovered huge stone sculptures and inscriptions there in the 1840s.

Among them was British archaeologist Max Mallowan, the husband of crime writer Agatha Christie, who excavated close to the newly found tomb between 1949 and 1958.

Some of Layard's and Mallowan's finds are displayed in the British museum in London, as well as in Iraq's national museum in Baghdad.

Muzahem Mahmoud, the Iraqi archaeologist who made the new discovery, said an inscribed stone tablet found in the 10- by 4.30-metre burial chamber identified one of the women as Yahaya, of the Assyrian royal court, the newspaper reported.

The inscription in wedge-shaped cuneiform script also laid a curse on anyone who opened the tomb.

"If anyone lays his hands on my tomb, or opens my grave, or steals my jewellery, I pray to the gods of the nether world that his soul shall roam in the scorching sun after death... let the ghost of inhumanity take hold of him for ever and ever," it said.

The other burial was identified only as a much younger woman named Tahya, the newspaper said.

Yahaya's possessions also included gold necklaces, a bronze mirror with its handle encrusted with precious stones, and tiny tongs for applying kohl, a dark eye make-up, it said.

"We found more than 100 earrings behind her skull, some small, some large. She had all her personal belongings buried with her in the grave," Mahmoud said.

The report said that rich royal tombs had been unearthed at Ashur, another Assyrian city, but none contained as many precious objects as the Nimrud grave.

## Vincennes sailors disciplined for drugs

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The navy says that 15 crew members of the USS Vincennes, the cruiser that shot down an Iranian jetliner in the Gulf last summer, will be disciplined for drug abuse.

"There is no connection now to the July 3 incident in the (Arabian) Gulf to what has happened on board the Vincennes," said navy commander David Dillon, spokesman for Pacific Fleet surface force headquarters.

The Vincennes, meanwhile, will be shifted to Long Beach naval shipyard within five weeks for modifications to correct deficiencies in the Aegis electronic combat control system, the San Diego Tribune reported Friday.

Aegis, which would enable a

ship like the Vincennes to make computer-recommended battle decisions for entire fleets, was found flawed in the Gulf confrontation.

According to defence department analysts, split-second decisions were affected by the inability of radar-scope interpreters to immediately match the plane's "blip" with digital direction, altitude and speed information displayed on another screen.

Those problems are one reason the Vincennes will undergo modernisation, an unidentified source told the Tribune.

Nine of the sailors involved in the drug sweep were in positions that may have influenced the decision by Captain Will C.

Rogers to fire two anti-aircraft missiles at the jetliner, Dillon said. All 290 aboard the plane died.

Of the 15 sailors, six are being processed for discharge from the navy, while six others have been given warnings, Dillon said.

"There are petty officers who are being investigated for possible court-martial in connection with drug sales," he said.

Dillon noted that the 15 sailors represent 3.9 per cent of the 384 sailors on board. "That is less than the 5.4 per cent average for the entire navy," he said.

The announcement came as preparations were under way at the naval station San Diego for

Saturday's change of command aboard the Vincennes.

Rogers was to be rotated to a new assignment at the navy's tactical training group in San Diego. The new Vincennes commander is Capt. Robert B. Lynch, who had been stationed in Washington, and is assuming his fifth sea command.

Rogers and his wife, Sharon, have been under guard by the naval investigative service since a pipe bomb exploded under the family van Mrs. Rogers was driving to her teaching job March 10 in La Jolla. She escaped injury.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the attack as possible retaliation for the airliner's destruction.

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19:15 ..... Local programme  
19:40 ..... Programme review  
20:30 ..... News in Arabic  
21:30 ..... Arabic series  
21:35 ..... Programme review  
21:40 ..... Variety programme  
22:00 ..... News summary in Arabic

**PROGRAMME TWO**  
18:00 ..... La Baby Sitter  
18:30 ..... L'Escole des Fans  
19:00 ..... News in French  
19:15 ..... Taisieba  
19:20 ..... News in Hebrew  
19:45 ..... Varieties programme  
20:30 ..... News in Arabic  
21:30 ..... Valerie  
21:40 ..... The Franchise Affair  
22:30 ..... News in English  
22:35 ..... Agatha Christie's Poirot

### PRAYER TIMES

05:55 ..... Fair (Summer) Date  
07:27 ..... (Summer) Date  
12:33 ..... Dhukh  
16:13 ..... 'Asr  
19:38 ..... Maghreb

### CHURCHES

21:10 ..... 'Isha  
St. Mary of Nazareth Church  
Smithfield, Tel. 810740  
Assemblies of God Church, Tel. 632785  
St. Joseph Church Tel. 624590  
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 637440  
De la Salle Church Tel. 617157  
Teremana Church Tel. 622366  
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 623541  
Anglican Church Tel. 625383, Tel. 625343  
Armenian Catholic Church Tel. 771331  
Armenian Orthodox Church Tel. 77261  
St. Ephraim Church Tel. 771751  
Assyrian International Church Tel. 683236  
Evangelical Lutheran Church Tel. 811295  
Rainbow Congregation Tel. 825055  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Tel. 815817, 821264

### WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.  
A slight rise in temperatures will occur and winds will be northeasterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

northerly fresh and sea wavy.  
Min./max. temp.  
Amman ..... 15/30  
Aqaba ..... 22/37  
Deserts ..... 16/32  
Jordan Valley ..... 19/37  
Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 29, Aqaba 36. Humidity readings: Amman 24 per cent, Aqaba 32 per cent.  
**AMMAN:**  
Dr. Issa Haddad ..... 897007  
Dr. Mohammed Azam ..... 818004  
Dr. Jamal Abu Baker ..... 746426  
Dr. Issam Abu Riza ..... 681967  
Firas pharmacy ..... 661912  
Ferdows pharmacy ..... 778338  
Al Asala pharmacy ..... 637025  
Nisrouh pharmacy ..... 636772  
Al Salem pharmacy ..... 626736  
Yacoub pharmacy ..... 644945  
Shamsi pharmacy ..... 637660  
**BRID:**  
Dr. Jamel Bani Hani ..... (—)  
Al Shara'a pharmacy ..... (985238)

### EMERGENCIES

Civil Defence Department ..... 661111  
Civil Defence Immediate ..... 630341  
Rescue ..... 630341  
Civil Defence Emergency ..... 199  
Rescue Police ..... 192, 621111, 637777  
Fire Brigade ..... 891228  
Blood Bank ..... 75121  
Highway Police ..... 643402  
Traffic Police ..... 896390  
Public Security Department ..... 630321  
Hotel Complaints ..... 605800  
Price Complaints ..... 661176  
Water and Sewerage ..... 661176  
Complaints ..... 897467  
Amman Municipality ..... 787111  
Telephone Information ..... 121  
(directory assistance) ..... 010230  
Overseas Calls ..... 010230  
Central Amman Telephone ..... 623101  
Repairs ..... 623101  
Abdali Telephone Repairs ..... 661101  
Jordan Television ..... 773111  
Radio Jordan ..... 774111  
Water Authority ..... 680100  
Jordan Electricity Authority ..... 815615

### HOSPITALS

AMMAN:  
Hussein Medical Centre ..... 813813/32  
Khalid Maternity, J. Amn ..... 644281/6  
Akileh Maternity, J. Amn ..... 64441/2  
Jabal Amman Maternity ..... 642362  
Malles, J. Amman ..... 636140  
Palestine, Shmeisani ..... 664171/4  
Shmeisani Hospital ..... 669131  
University Hospital ..... 845845  
Al-Muasher Hospital ..... 667227/9  
The Islamic, Abdali ..... 666127/37  
Al-Abdi, Abdali ..... 664164/6  
Italian, Al-Mushajreen ..... 771013  
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh ..... 751112/6  
Army, Marka ..... 891611/5  
Queen Alia Hospital ..... 602240/50  
Amal Hospital ..... 674155  
ZARQA:  
Zarqa Govt. Hospital ..... (09)983323  
Zarqa National Hospital ..... (09)991071  
Bin Sina Hospital ..... (09)986732  
IBRID:  
Princess Beama Hospital ..... (02)275535  
Greek Catholic Hospital ..... (02)272275  
Bin Al-Nafes Hospital ..... (02)247100  
AQABA:  
Princess Haya Hospital ..... (03)314111

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#### ARRIVALS

**Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)**  
10:10 ..... Aqaba (RJ)  
10:15 ..... Jeddah (RJ)  
10:30 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
10:45 ..... Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)  
10:55 ..... Doha, Bahrain (RJ)  
11:00 ..... Dhahran, Kuwait (RJ)  
11:15 ..... Larana (RJ)  
17:20 ..... Los Angeles, Chicago, Vienna (RJ)  
17:45 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
18:05 ..... Paris (RJ)  
18:10 ..... London (RJ)  
18:30 ..... New York, Amsterdam (RJ)  
18:45 ..... Madrid, Geneva (RJ)  
18:55 ..... Brussels, Frankfurt (RJ)  
21:15 ..... Rome (RJ)  
01:20 ..... Baghdad (RJ)

### Other Flights (Terminal 2)

18:35 ..... Cairo (MS)  
11:40 ..... Damascus (AZ)  
13:35 ..... Muscat, Sharjah, Doha (GP)  
14:30 ..... Kuwait (KU)  
14:45 ..... Kuwait (LN)  
16:15 ..... Dubai (EK)  
16:25 ..... Frankfurt (LH)  
22:45 ..... Athens (OA)  
01:05 ..... London, Cairo (BA)

### DEPARTURES

**Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)**  
07:55 ..... Aqaba (RJ)  
12:15 ..... Rome (RJ)  
12:30 ..... Tunis, Casablanca (RJ)  
13:30 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
20:40 ..... Kuwait (RJ)  
21:00 ..... Larana (RJ)  
21:05 ..... Baghdad (RJ)  
21:15 ..... Sana'a (RJ)  
21:20 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
21:30 ..... Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)  
22:00 ..... Damascus (RJ)  
22:30 ..... Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)  
23:00 ..... Bangkok (RJ)  
23:30 ..... Vienna, New York, Miami (RJ)  
**Other Flights (Terminal 2)**  
18:00 ..... Damascus, Paris (AF)  
11:20 ..... Cairo (MS)  
12:30 ..... Rome (AZ)  
15:35 ..... Kuwait (KU)  
15:45 ..... Doha, Sharjah (GP)  
16:00 ..... Tripoli (LN)

### MARKET PRICES

Upstower price in Jds per kg.  
Apple ..... 500/400  
Apricot ..... 1100/700  
Banana ..... 250/200  
Banana (Mekkanas) ..... 250/200  
Beans ..... 240/200  
Broad beans ..... 180/140  
Cabbage ..... 60/40  
Carrot ..... 100/100  
Cauliflower ..... 100/100  
Cherry (red) ..... 160/120  
Eggplant ..... 1200/1000  
Garlic ..... 70/60  
Grape ..... 110/80  
Lemon ..... 480/400  
Lettuce (per case) ..... 100/80  
Marrow (large) ..... 80/50  
Marrow (small) ..... 160/120  
Onion ..... 220/200  
Orange ..... 300/270  
Onion (dry) ..... 60/40  
Onion (green) ..... 100/80  
Pepper (red) ..... 300/250  
Pepper (green) ..... 200/150  
Potato ..... 240/200  
Tomato ..... 110/80  
Watermelon ..... 220/180





## Queen Noor opens Goethe Forest exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Saturday opened the Goethe Forest photo exhibition which the Ministry of Agriculture is holding at the Royal Cultural Centre in cooperation with the Goethe Institute.

The five-day exhibition includes 50 photographs which German photographer Sigrid

Neubert took at the Goethe Forest which covers a 40,000-dunum area south of Tafila. Present were Agriculture Minister Dr. Adnan Badran, the Agriculture Ministry's secretary general, a number of officials, and the West German charge d'affaires in Amman.

## King receives cables of congratulations

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received a number of cables of congratulation from a number of country leaders, on the occasion of Independence Day.

King Hussein received cables from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and his regent, the president of the Republic of Tunisia and the president of the Republic of Djibouti. The King also received cables from the president of Finland and the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

Among the celebrations of Greater Amman Municipality on this occasion, the mayor, Abdul Ra'ouf Rawabdeh Saturday opened a public park in Wadi Seer. The 13 dunum park, planted with 3,000 trees is called Al Wabda after the Arab Cooperation Council.

The Balqa Governorate marked the Independence Day with a graduation of students trained in sewing by the Islamic Charitable Society in Salt.

## Majali attends cultural festival

AMMAN (Petra) — Culture and Information Minister Nasouh Majali Saturday attended a cultural festival the Ministry of Culture and Information organised at the Royal Cultural Centre on the occasion of Jordan's Independence Day.

The festival included poetry recitations and artistic shows.

The minister also opened a book and national documents exhibition on the sidelines of the festival.

The exhibition includes sections dealing with the life of His Majesty King Hussein, pictures of members of the Hashemite family as well as the development of the Jordanian Armed Forces.

## Industrial fair begins

AMMAN (J.T.) — A permanent Jordanian industrial exhibition was opened Saturday at the Sahab Industrial City (SIC) with more than 80 local companies displaying samples of their products.

Minister of Industry and Trade Ziyad Innah opened the exhibition as part of Jordan's celebration of Independence Day and in the presence of dignitaries and presidents of Jordanian chambers of industry and trade.

On display at the exhibition is a wide variety of pharmaceuticals, foodstuffs, engineering and construction materials, electric appliances and plastic products.

Dr. Fayez Subeimat director general of Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC) which operates industrial cities in the Kingdom said that the chance

still exists for more companies and factories to display their products at the exhibition to promote sales.

The SIC employs some 4,000 people working for different industrial plants and businesses set up in the industrial zone.

According to Subeimat, factories set up at the SIC produce food, electrical appliances, plastics, leather, rubber products, chemicals and textiles, furniture, paper and medicines among others.

## Bridges schedule

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department (PSD) Saturday announced a special programme for the bridges across the River Jordan for Thursday and Friday June 8 and 9.

According to the announcement, only 750 passengers will be allowed to cross to the West Bank on Thursday, June 8, via the King Hussein Bridge, and 350 across the Prince Mohammad Bridge.

The announcement said that the two bridges will be closed to traffic completely on Friday, June 9, 1989, and will reopen Sunday June 11.



## Sharif Zaid visits Passports Dept.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Saturday accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Salim Masadeh (left) Saturday paid an inspection visit to the Passports Department and examined services offered to the public.

The visit is part in a series of field tours that the prime minister intends to pay to various departments providing public service, and is designed to serve as a means to spur civil servants to double their efforts in the course of discharging their

duties in a simpler form and to facilitate the needs of the public as much as possible.

The Passports Department is one of a number of Jordanian government offices which are normally visited by large numbers of citizens specially in the summer to renew or get new passports. Students who finish their secondary education and pass the Tawjihi examination also converge on the Passports Department to prepare for their travel abroad for studies.

## Expensive input, expensive output

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Adnan Badran said Saturday that the cost of requirements for agricultural input has soared and became one of the major obstacles that impede an increase in production. The high cost of farming requirements has indeed weakened Jordan's production capacity and rendered it helpless in the face of outside competition in foreign markets, Badran said at a meeting at the Ministry of Agriculture, attended by its Secretary General Salem Al Lawzi and senior ministry officials.

As Jordan takes steps to expand its foreign markets where it can sell its agricultural crops, there is an equal need to intensify

efforts to reduce the cost of input so that Jordanian farmers can make a reasonable profit and get encouragement to increase the output, the minister noted. Badran requested that the ministry's economic and planning department create a special unit to monitor the local market's needs of all types of vegetables and fruits and also to carefully monitor the various quantities of crops produced for the local market. He also asked that a study should start immediately on agricultural cost in the Kingdom.

The Ministry of Agriculture should reach a quick decision on ways to reduce the cost of agricultural output in the light of the

study, the minister noted. He said that the study on the farming requirements should cover such matters as fertilisers, seeds, containers, farming machinery and other implements and requirements in addition to water used for irrigation.

Agriculture is a basic element in the national economy and therefore the door should be opened wide for agricultural exports, and also measures taken to attain self-sufficiency in various crops, the minister pointed out. He said that the new unit was formed with the aim of ensuring sufficient amounts of fruits and vegetables for the local market under all circumstances.

## Malhas inspects rehabilitation centre

ZARQA (Petra, J.T.) — Health and Social Development Minister Zuhair Malhas Saturday called at a vocational and rehabilitation centre being set up at Russeifa near here by the Ministry of Social Development in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

The minister inspected parts of the project and was briefed on services and training facilities which it plans to offer to handicapped persons from different parts of the country.

The minister chaired a meeting for officials and specialists in charge of the project to discuss its needs and programmes. Malhas called for an expansion of the

training services to include programmes for production to benefit the handicapped, and called for the creation of similar centres in the badia and the southern regions of the country.

Work on the project started in September 1988, and according to specialists and officials it will cater for the needs of handicapped trainees of both sexes, and will provide training in dressmaking, carpentry, upholstery, shoemaking, book binding and other crafts.

They said the ILO provided the necessary equipment which cost nearly \$150,000. They added that a special programme to provide the instructors with skills necessary for training has already started.

## Egyptian civil defence chief arrives for talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Director of the Egyptian civil defence Corporation Major-General Omar Shawqi arrived in Amman Saturday at the head of a delegation on a six-day visit to Jordan.

The Egyptian official and his team will meet Lt.-Gen. Khaled Tarawneh, Civil Defence Department (CDD) director general to discuss Egyptian-Jordanian cooperation in the exchange of expertise in civil defence services and will tour a number of CDD installations as well as archaeological sites and other places of interest in the Kingdom.

In a statement upon arrival here, Shawqi said that his visit and talks were part of the ongoing bilateral cooperation in the fields defined by the Arab

Cooperation Council (ACC) which groups Jordan and Egypt in addition to North Yemen and Iraq, and provides for close cooperation in all possible fields leading to integration among the four countries.

Jordan, Shawqi said, has a unique experience in civil defence first aid, emergency and other relevant operations as well as training personnel in these tasks. The Egyptian civil defence corporation could benefit from Jordan's experience and could provide Jordan with some of its own experiences, Shawqi added.

Tarawneh and senior CDD officers were at the airport to welcome the Egyptian guest and his accompanying delegation.

## RJ increases flights to Far East

AMMAN (J.T.) — Royal Jordanian (RJ) airlines has recently announced an increase in frequencies on a number of its routes to the Far East, subject to government approval. Destinations involved are Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Calcutta, and Delhi.

Effective June 1, the Singapore/Kuala Lumpur destinations will be accessible to RJ passengers three times weekly, versus the

earlier two, RJ announced. In mid-June, non-stop flights to both Calcutta and Delhi are doubling from once to twice weekly. In July, RJ will add another Asian destination with a weekly non-stop flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka.

As of October 1, the airline will increase its number of non-stop flights to Bangkok to four times weekly, one more than the present three flights per week.

## Computers enhance farming

ZARQA (J.T.) — Taking into consideration the current economic situation of the Kingdom, what are big public sector projects doing to make themselves more efficient — specially where a project is expanding?

The Zarqa River Basin project thinks it has found the answer to one of its problems: The use of computers to streamline its management procedures, a source at the project told the Jordan Times.

This project, which started only two years ago, is one of the biggest agricultural projects of the Kingdom. It covers 800 square kilometres of the highlands between Amman and Jerash and over the next few years will be advising several

thousands of farmers in the area about soil conservation and cropping.

As more farmers join, managing the project becomes ever more complex. Activities increase, more staff is needed and, in turn, yet more efficient management is required to keep the whole thing moving along.

For the Zarqa River Basin project, faced with an ever-increasing amount of routine administrative work — and a tightened budget, computers seemed the only answer.

Word processing will considerably accelerate and improve the project's reporting system; calculation programmes will help to keep track of the project's progress and its numerous activities.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS:** An exhibition of historical documents on the Hashemite family opened Saturday at the Mafrq Youth Centre in observance of Jordan's Independence Day. The one-week exhibition, which was opened by Mafrq Governor Jamal Al Momani, includes documents and photos depicting Jordan's history and its development under His Majesty King Hussein (Petra).

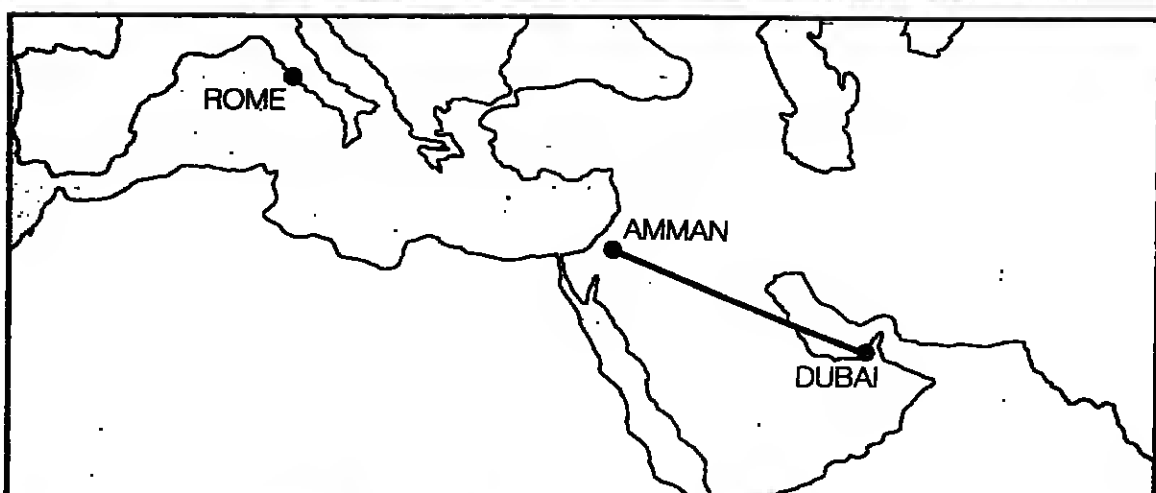
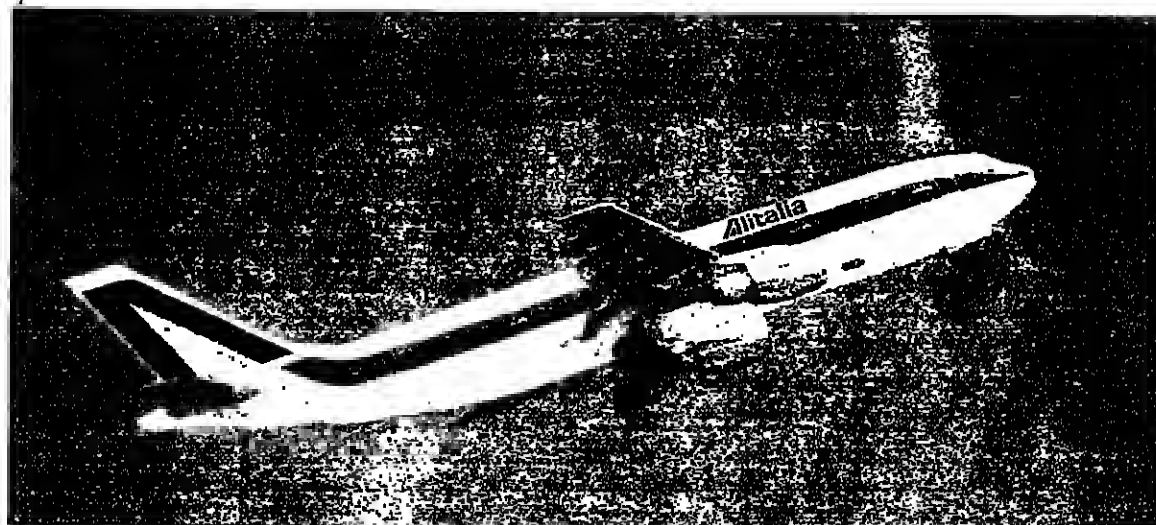
**BILATERAL COOPERATION:** Transport and Telecommunications Minister Hikmat Khammash Saturday received Syrian Ambassador in Jordan Majid Ahn Saleh who conveyed a message from the Syrian transport minister dealing with bilateral cooperation in the field of transport as well as matters related to the Jordanian-Syrian Land Transport Company. The minister also separately discussed with Omani Ambassador Mohammed Sultan Al Bou Sa'idi and Lebanese Ambassador Dr. Pierre Ziade matters related to transport and telecommunication (Petra).

**SEMINAR:** Greater Amman Municipality will participate in the seminar the Arab Land Transport Union will hold in the Syrian city of Tartous Monday on land transport in the Arab World (Petra).

**ANTI-SMOKING:** A number of activities related to international anti-smoking day has begun at Ma'an Governorate. The six-day activities include lectures explaining harm caused by smoking and the need to quit the habit (Petra).

**SCOUT MOVEMENT:** A scout camp has concluded at Al Rashadiya township in Tafila Governorate. The three-day camp included lectures on the scouting movement and its effect on students and social life (Petra).

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AMMAN - DUBAI	TUESDAY & SATURDAY	AZ 730	18.55 22.55 (AB 4)
DUBAI - AMMAN	WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY	AZ 731	03.10 05.20 (AB 4)

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- A photography exhibition by Adib Atwan at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- An archaeological exhibition entitled "The Treasures of Hasma Desert" at the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre.
- An art exhibition by three North African artists at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation.
- An art exhibition by Ahmad Abu Othman at the Housing Bank Gallery.
- A photography exhibition entitled "Amman Under King Hussein's Reign" at the North Roman Catholic School, Zarqa.
- An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Klara Matsekobikism at the Petra Bank Gallery.
- An exhibition of scientific experiments, Jordanian chemical industries, books, computers and children's paintings at the University of Jordan Model School.
- A photography exhibition by Sigrid Neubert on "the Goethe Forest" (near Dana Village between Tafila and Shobak) at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- An exhibition by French artist "Olivier Matillod" at the French Cultural Centre.
- An exhibition of documents and photos depicting Jordan's history and development under His Majesty King Hussein, at Mafrq Youth Centre.

### THEATRE

- A children's Arabic play entitled "Tamouri's Shoes" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

### FILM

- A feature film entitled "Hannah and her Sisters" at the American Centre — 7:00 p.m.



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## Innovative ideas — need of the day

THE SCHOLASTIC year is coming to an end soon, and we are going to see thousands of children as well as teenagers playing or just loitering in the streets as soon as the schools and colleges close. It is high time that the authorities gave concerted attention to draw up a programme, with immediate priority for its implementation, to offer suitable facilities for the country's youth to utilise their spare time creatively. There is no denying the fact that some work had been undertaken and carried out in building parks and recreational facilities for the youth, but what is presently available in the country is a far cry from what is actually needed. The situation will further be exacerbated with the expected arrival here on vacation of thousands of Jordanian expatriate families in addition to Arab and foreign visitors to the country.

In many countries, mostly in the West, students take up summer employment wherever available; supermarkets, gas stations, offices etc. etc. But such avenues are no longer available to the Jordanian youngsters simply because of the dire unemployment situation and the economic and financial strains that the country is facing today.

But, while allowing for the difficult economic conditions that the country is passing through at this point in time, it is only conceivable that the ingenuity and abilities of some of our planners could be put to the right use in coming up with innovative ideas compatible with the available resources to serve the need of the youth. Efforts aimed at drawing the youth to creative work in the service of the country do work; but only to an extent, beyond which they cannot be pushed simply because of their need to relax and be at peace with themselves.

On paper, there are enough and more of facilities for our children and some do exist on the ground. But, let us face it, some of the facilities are beyond the reach of the financial means available to an average parent-on-the-street. While not denying the requirements of administering and running such facilities, one gets a feeling that some of the public facilities are more commercially oriented than recreational. Even at that, everyone of them is fully packed during weekends and the situation would only turn worse during the long summer vacation.

One of the byproducts of children and teenagers having idle time in their hands is the alarming trend towards delinquency, which needs higher organisation and expenditure to address, not to mention its long-term consequences and impact on the society. Also, the youths' feeling of uselessness that arises from the state of inaction is detrimental to the national interest, which pins its hopes on the future generations.

It is time something is done, and done fast.

## JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Jordanian Arabic dailies Saturday commented on the outcome of the Casablanca Arab summit which ended Friday after discussing the Gulf, Palestine and the Lebanon issues.

Al Ra'i daily said that the summit's unlimited support for the Palestinian intifada and the Palestinian people's struggle for freedom was a source of pride to all Arabs and something which gives cause for deep satisfaction and optimism for the future. The paper said the support means that the Arab Nation is now totally committed to back the struggle of the Palestinian people morally, financially, materially and politically until the oppressed people can regain their rights in their own homeland. The summit has also voiced full support for the PLO's drive to achieve a peaceful settlement through an international conference and rejected the Shamir elections proposal, the paper noted. By this the Arab World has adopted the Palestine plan and committed itself to work in unity and consensus to help the Palestinians in their just struggle, the paper added. The paper also noted with satisfaction the summit's decision to pursue efforts towards re-establishing permanent peace in the Gulf and reconciliation and stability in Lebanon.

Al Dustour for its part said that the summit in Casablanca offered the Arab leaders a very good chance for consultation and discussion on three chronic issues of concern to all the Arab masses. But indeed the outcome proved that the leaders had given more attention to the central issue: Palestine and to the means by which the Arab people of Palestine can be helped to regain their freedom, the paper noted. It said the whole Arab Nation has come out in support of the Palestinian people and their legitimate representative in the ongoing struggle for freedom and the whole Arab World has now pledged to extend all possible aid to the oppressed people in their resistance of Israeli occupation. The formation of a higher committee led by King Hassan of Morocco to pursue efforts at the international level to achieve peace in the Middle East and to back the PLO was a clear manifestation by the Arab Nation to advocate the cause of the Palestinians now locked up in bloody confrontation with the Israeli invaders for freedom, the paper said.

Sawt Al Shaab daily said that King Hussein who hosted the summit of agreement and consensus in Amman was the most prominent Arab leader at the Casablanca summit who worked hard to bring the Arab leaders to an agreement on a common denominator. The paper said that the monarch paved the way for a strong Arab stand at the summit based on solid foundation of unity and helped to bring about reconciliations among Arab leaders to achieve that goal. Over the past four days the Arab leaders in general and King Hussein in particular were busy trying to find an acceptable formula that would define collective action in the coming stage and the summit has indeed succeeded in canvassing greater support for the Palestinian people's struggle and paved the ground for a solution to the Lebanese crisis, the paper noted. It said that the Arab leaders have pledged to continue their relentless efforts to solve common Arab issues and to bring about peace to the Arab region.

## Sunday's Economic Pulse

# IMF programmes: Standard or tailor-made?

MANY countries, including some Arab countries applied for the assistance of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and reached agreements of restructuring ahead of Jordan. The Arab countries include Tunisia, Morocco, Sudan and Egypt. Other Arab countries, such as Iraq and Syria, refused to submit to the tough IMF programme and opted to try to solve their acute problems on their own.

Arab countries that adopted the programme were either greatly successful, such as Tunisia and Morocco; or partially successful like Egypt, or a complete failure, like the Sudan.

Certain observers believe that the IMF has a ready-made programme that it prescribes for every debt-ridden developing country; others however, brush this aside and insist that the programmes are tailored to the particular circumstances of each concerned country.

Whether the prescription has to be adapted to the patient or the patient is required to adapt himself to the prescription, it is true that there are common parts among all the programmes formulated for the countries that were subjected to adjustment, while other parts differ in accordance to the circumstances.

Jordan has its own particulars in its position, population,

quality of manpower, style of economic management, the extent of dependence on external aid, the expatriates remittances, the large scale openness to world markets, the big size of its budget, the large role of the public sector, the structure of the indebtedness and its distribution among governments and banks, Arab and foreign, and the loan nature: developmental, commercial or military.

All these particular circumstances call for a specially tailored programme, but that in itself does not exclude the common part of all IMF programmes applicable to all other developing countries.

The unified part stems from the fact that all restructuring programmes have one main common objective to achieve, and that is adjusting the economic system so that the people and the government could live within their own means.

This common objective has a cost, which must be paid, and could not be avoided, at least not in the short run. The cost could become much higher if nothing was done about it for long.

In summary, the IMF programme is sound economically and financially, but very costly in political and social terms. I don't want to look like the devil advocate if I say that the political and

social costs do not arise from the programme, but they arise from the adoption of the wrong financial, economic, commercial, and monetary policies which in the first place made the resort to IMF inevitable.

Unwise policies and uncontrolled expansion have a price. The IMF programme is only one way to pay this price in a systematic manner in accordance with a plan. Without the programme the price would be heavier since it will not be tied to a time-table.

The opponents of the IMF programme do not deny wisdom behind the basic elements upon which the programme is built such as the reduction of budget deficit, the enhancement of exports, the curbing of imports, the reduction of consumption, the control of inflation, the realistic exchange rate, the flexibility in labour market, and the removal of distortions from the economy.

These policies represent the common parts of all IMF programmes recommended and are embodied in a package of financial, credit, monetary, and labour policies to fit the circumstances.

No doubt the IMF programme is a bitter medicine, but the alternative, I am afraid, is worse.

# Arab summit's final communique

This is a partial text of the final communique of the emergency Arab summit which ended in Casablanca Friday (unofficial Renter translation from Arabic).

"At the initiative of His Majesty King Hassan II, the king of Morocco, and at his invitation, the emergency Arab summit conference met in Casablanca from May 23 to 26, 1989...

"In its opening session the conference welcomed the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt led by President Mohammad Hosni Mubarak and Egypt's resumption of its full membership of the Arab League... and expressed its conviction that Egypt's presence in its natural place among fellow Arab states would help reinforce joint Arab action... bringing benefits, honour and prosperity to the Arab nation...

## Intifada

"The conference hailed the intifada of the Palestinian people... and decided to continue providing all forms of support and assistance to it, so that the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, its sole legitimate representative, can continue its resistance and escalate the heroic intifada against the Israeli occupation...

"The conference condemned the crimes of the Israeli occupation and its practices against the Arab people in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and called on the Security Council to carry out its duty towards these crimes and practices, including the possibility of imposing sanctions on Israel.

"The conference affirmed the foundations on which is based the Arab peace plan endorsed by the 12th Arab summit in Fez and reaffirmed by the emergency Arab summit in Algiers, the foundations which aim to liberate from Israeli occupation Palestinian and Arab territories occupied since 1967 and to enable the Palestinian people to practice their inalienable national rights, including the right to return, to self-determination and to set up its independent national state with Jerusalem as its capital under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation... and to mobilise Arab resources in various fields to achieve an overall strategic balance to confront aggressive Israeli plans and to safeguard Arab rights.

## PLO strategy

"The conference welcomed the resolutions of the 19th session of the Palestine National Council and affirmed its support for the Palestinian peace initiative based on the Arab peace plan and on international legitimacy...

"The conference blessed the creation of the independent Palestinian state, expressed its determination to support and assist it in all ways possible, expressed its appreciation of the friendly states which have recognised it officially and called on the other

states in the world to give the state full recognition and enable it to exercise its sovereignty over its national territory...

"The conference supported the holding of the international conference for peace in the Middle East, with the participation of the five permanent member states of the Security Council and all the parties to the conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, with the aim of reaching an overall settlement on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 of 1967 and 338 of 1973 and all other U.N. resolutions on Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and agreement on security guarantees for all states in the region, including the State of Palestine, and solving the Palestinian refugee problem in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 194 of 1948 and to consider that all relevant U.N. resolutions still provide the terms of international legitimacy which guarantee the right of the Palestinian people to set up its independent state...

"The conference approved the formation of a higher committee chaired by King Hassan to act and make the appropriate international contacts in the name of Arab League with the aim of activating the peace process and taking part in preparations for the international conference...

"The conference supported the Palestinian position on the subject of elections — that they should take place after Israeli withdrawal from occupied Palestinian territory and under international supervision and in the framework of a comprehensive peace plan, seeing that the Israeli plan aims to strike at the intifada, bypass the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people. The conference affirms the need to insist on Israeli withdrawal from occupied Palestinian and Arab territory and to place the occupied Palestinian territories under U.N. supervision for a temporary period to enable the Palestinian people to exercise its right to self-determination...

## Lebanon

"The conference expressed its extreme concern at what is happening in Lebanon, which is a founding member of the Arab League and which has always helped to reinforce joint Arab action...

"The conference studied with great interest the tragic situation in Lebanon and its repercussions and effects on Lebanese unity and the national security of the Arab Nation and affirmed the need for Arab action to reach a solution which restores to Lebanon its stability and security and safeguards its Arab nature and territorial unity...

"The conference praised the mediation efforts of the Arab committee of six and urged all the Lebanese parties to cooperate to reach overall national reconciliation and achieve the national entente which would pave the way for final solution of the Lebanese crisis in all its aspects...

"The conference asked all the Lebanese parties to respect the ceasefire immediately, permanently and fully in line with the Arab League Council Resolution of April, 1989...

"The conference decided to form a committee composed of King Hassan II of Morocco, King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria...

"This committee will have the task of carrying out the contacts and measures it deems fit with all the parties concerned with the aim of creating the right atmosphere for summoning members of the (Lebanese) parliament to discuss a political reform document. This should happen within six months at the latest. The conference also announced it was willing to convene at the end of this period if necessary to look at what has been achieved and at subsequent developments...

"It similarly supported Lebanon's international efforts to end the Israeli occupation of Lebanese territory and to support the extension of sovereignty of the Lebanese state fully over all Lebanese territory with the objective of protecting its security and stability by its own forces...

## Iran-Iraq war

"The conference... expressed its deep satisfaction at the end of fighting (in the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq) and at the start of negotiations...

"In the belief that the ceasefire should be a turning-point on the way to bringing about a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Iraq and Iran and stability, security and peace in the region, it expressed its hope that the ceasefire could quickly be transformed into peace...

"The conference affirmed its total solidarity with Iraq in protecting its unity, territorial integrity and historic rights to sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab...

"The conference affirmed the need for the Arab media adhere to ethical and pan-Arab standards and to avoid insults and practices which inflame disputes...

## U.S.-Libya dispute

"The conference affirmed its resolution and the resolution of the Arab League Council condemning the U.S. attack on the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and deplored the economic boycott measures which the United States has taken against Libya and called for the need to lift these measures. The conference similarly expressed its support and backing for Libya's sovereignty over the Gulf of Sirte in line with international charters...

"The conference renewed its condemnation of terrorism in all its shapes and forms and whatever its source and affirmed the need to rely on legal methods approved by international charters and to adhere to the principles of right, justice and international legitimacy in defending national interests and achieving noble aims...

## Chinese call protest

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cause turmoil in society." Wan said he would call a meeting of the National People's Congress next month to discuss some of the students' demands, including their opposition to corruption.

But, he said, changes must come "slowly because society is very complex."

Before Wan returned, students participating in the largest student movement in Communist China's history said they hoped he would call an emergency meeting of the congress, China's legislature, to do away with the martial law order.

Wan flew back to China Thursday, officially for "health reasons."

Diplomats in Shanghai, where Wan was reportedly being treated, said it was likely he had been forced to make his statement which was read out on state radio.

Students recognised that Sunday's rallying call would be a crucial test of their democracy movement, which began with a few campuses six weeks ago and evolved into the biggest anti-government protests since the 1949 Communist revolution.

"Zhao's dismissal, strictly speaking, is a defeat for us. It's an unexpected result. Now we must keep going," a student spokesman said.

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## After all Hong Kong is Chinese

By Chris Peterson  
Reuters

HONG KONG — Whatever the outcome of Peking's turmoil, Hong Kong's Chinese people seem to have found a political identity that could mean profound changes for the colony ahead of the 1997 handover to China.

"In a sense, Hong Kong has become more Chinese," wrote political commentator Frank Ching in Friday's South China Morning Post.

Analysts say last Sunday's demonstration on Hong Kong island, which attracted a million people chanting in support of Peking's students and against hardline Premier Li Peng, revealed a political consciousness that had not been seen before.

"I think it all came together then, and the proof has been that the momentum has gathered pace during the week. There have been people outside Xinhua (China's official news agency and its de facto embassy here) non-stop ever since," a Western diplomat said.

"It will be interesting to see another march this weekend. It will be a sure sign that the momentum is there," said analyst Bob Broadfoot of the political and economic risk consultancy.

Organisers of a marathon concert featuring more than 100 local pop performers hope to attract over a quarter of a million people to the happy valley racecourse opposite the Xinhua building next Saturday.

### Rallies planned

In addition, various pressure groups are organising a number of rallies over the weekend and

all police leave has been cancelled.

"All this means Hong Kong's people will be pressing for greater autonomy in the future," said Broadfoot, adding that newly formed Hong Kong groups might try to talk directly with the Chinese government.

"They will want to establish a dialogue. If they don't get it together, they are eventually going to vote with their feet," he added.

"It's now a question of which will be the greater force in Hong Kong — those running away or those protesting," he added. More than 45,000 of Hong Kong's six million people emigrated in 1988 and almost as many were expected to leave this year according to official forecasts made before the present unrest in China.

### Chinese sovereignty

Hong Kong is due to revert to Chinese sovereignty under a 1984 joint declaration by London and Peking. China has pledged to maintain its capitalist structure and lifestyle for 50 years.

Ching said that if China's political landscape changed, it might be necessary to renegotiate the 1984 agreement.

The Western diplomat said Hong Kong's government should bring a greater degree of democracy to the colony sooner rather than later.

There are no directly elected members in Hong Kong's legislative council, which debates policy and approves public finance. But earlier this week legislators decided to push for 50 per cent of the legislature to be directly elected by 1997, with all members being popularly chosen by 2003.

# As Texan women take over men must stand by and watch

By Jeff Franks  
Reuters

HOUSTON — Once-macho Texas has seen its banks fold and its oil revenue tumble.

Now the frontier state is being taken over by women.

When Lila Cockrell is sworn in on May 31 as mayor of San Antonio, the state's three largest cities will all have women mayors — a turn of events that would have been unimaginable not so long ago.

Cockrell will join mayors Kathy Whitmire in Houston and Annette Strauss in Dallas as Texas' top municipal leaders.

Political observers say the rise of women here is part of a long-term social and political change in the state. In contrast to its raucous, hell-for-leather image, Texas has been toned down by larger forces and humbled by its economic problems.

It is no longer a bastion of frontier values.

"When it reached the stage where we had to wear seatbelts in our pick-up trucks and couldn't carry open beers in the car anymore, we knew Texas was ready for women mayors," joked political consultant Pat Cox.

Women have been climbing the Texas political ladder for years but have only just reached the top rung.

"It has been a very slow, patient sort of process of serving at the local level, proving our expertise and gaining credibility. I think the public understands that, by and large, we do a very good job," said state Treasurer Ann

Richards.

Richards — who went national last summer when she lambasted George Bush in a speech at a major Democratic Party convention — said Texas has never been as male-dominated as was thought.

"I know the image is macho, but I never thought it was real. This has been a very, very good state for women in public office," she said. "We are probably ahead of other states in terms of women in local government."

Cox the consultant says women's success here is part of a national trend towards certain types of candidates.

"It's not liberal or conservative so much as it is egalitarian. Voters now select candidates on the basis of competence, management skills and image. They go beyond the stereotypes," he said.

### Minorities and liberals

The three mayors are seen as moderates who have won power by building coalitions with minority groups and liberals.

Before winning office Strauss and Whitmire lacked strong support from the business community — the traditional rulers of local politics in Texan cities. But Strauss said: "It wasn't long after the election that many in the business community called to say: 'We're 100 per cent behind you.'"

Cockrell, 67, who served two terms as San Antonio mayor in the 1970s, was a business favourite from the start.

In return for its support, the business community has been re-

warded with mayors who, like those in most American cities today, spend much of their time promoting economic development.

Such missionary work is seen as crucial for Texas' devastated economy, where nine of its top 10 banks were bought or merged with other banks when problems set in after oil prices fell in 1986.

"Some people initially had trouble accepting the fact that the new mayor was not a man," but those problems have faded, said Strauss, who recently won a second term by a landslide.

Whitmire, who has ruled Houston for eight years, this autumn faces a tough re-election fight against a popular former mayor.

But whether Whitmire wins or loses, by 1990 the political power of women in Texas could be even more far-reaching.

State treasurer Richards has all but announced her intention to run for governor that year and she is one of the favourites.

"I will make an announcement in June. My decision is virtually made and everything is good," she told reporters.

If Richards wins, she will not be the first woman governor of Texas. That honour belongs to Miriam "Ma" Ferguson, who was elected in 1924 and 1932.

But she would be the first woman governor to rule alongside female mayors in the state's major cities.

"Texas is not all oil, gas and cowboys anymore. Change has been slow to come to Texas, but now it's here in a hurry," Cox said.



Texan women participate in parade, Austin Texas.

## Fungus devastates lifestyle in Indonesia

By Menak Suwondo  
Reuters

SUNGKEP — A quick-spreading fungus is devastating pepper plantations on Indonesia's Bangka Island — and post-harvest festivities as well.

More than 60 per cent of Indonesia's pepper is produced on the island, off Sumatra, where the phytophthora fungus is wiping out whole crops in two to 10 days.

Twenty-five thousand tonnes of white pepper, Bangka's main crop, were exported in 1988. "I

don't think we can reach the same level this year," said Haji Sahaq, a leading farmer in southern Bangka who has planted only two hectares of his 10 hectares of land.

"Our fancy parties and new cars may have to drop from the list," Sahaq added. "All our coconuts are about this damned fungus."

Traditionally festive multiple weddings follow the pepper harvest. Several village couples, children of plantation owners, usually get together to celebrate their marriages at lavish parties.

The weddings are not the harvest's only bounty. New cars from the capital Jakarta suddenly appear in the villages. Houses get complete face-lifts every year.

"No problem with money. After the harvest, they spent as much as they got. They bought anything as long as it was expensive," an agriculture official said.

"But now they have to tighten their belts. They not only face a fungus and a worse crop, but they have to struggle for a better price as well," the official said.

Indonesia supplies half the world's pepper needs but prices

have dropped steadily over the past year. The central bureau of statistics said last year's price was 7.4 million rupiah (\$4,200) per tonne compared with the current 4.7 million (\$2,700) in the local market.

"We want to get better prices, but it seems to be a buyers' market," Sahaq said. "Brokers also control the price. We have to sell our pepper at their price since we badly need money to pay workers and buy fungicide."

Nearly all Indonesian producers are smallholders, selling their

pepper through middlemen who collect it for export.

No affected land on Bangka can be replanted until it is completely free of fungus. Land now lies fallow all around the island.

Adjat, an agriculture researcher, said the disease was raging through almost half the island's pepper plantations.

The agriculture department initially expected Indonesia to increase its pepper production to 42,000 tonnes in this crop year from 40,000 tonnes last year.

But the spread of the fungus,

which attacks the roots of the plant and works its way up, is lowering expectations.

A U.S. agriculture department report estimated output would reach only 30,000 tonnes in 1989, its lowest level in recent years.

For the villagers and plantation workers, the disease wipes out fun as well as a livelihood.

"The only time in the year when we get a special meal is at the flood of plantation owners' wedding parties. This year, no nice meals for us," one local villager said.

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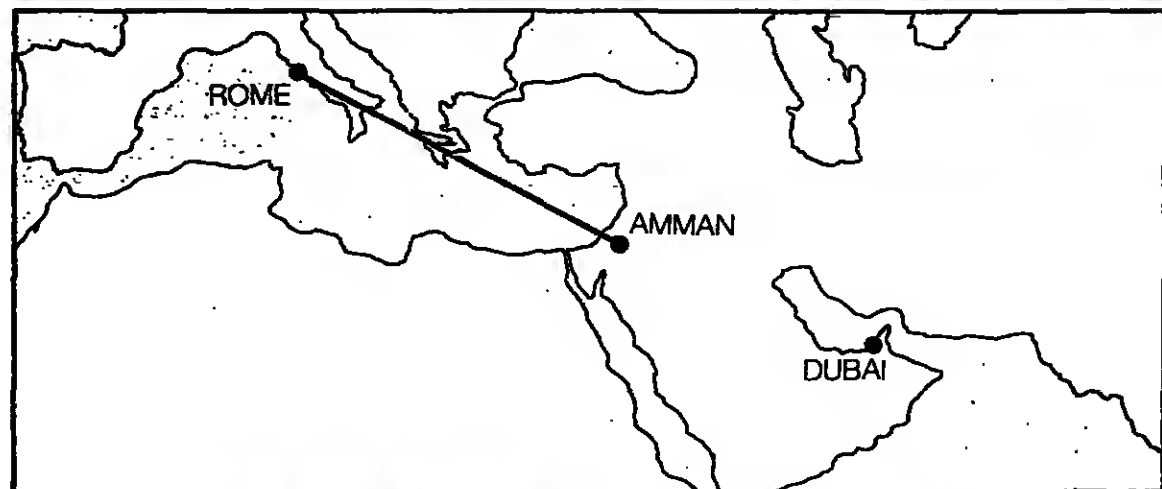
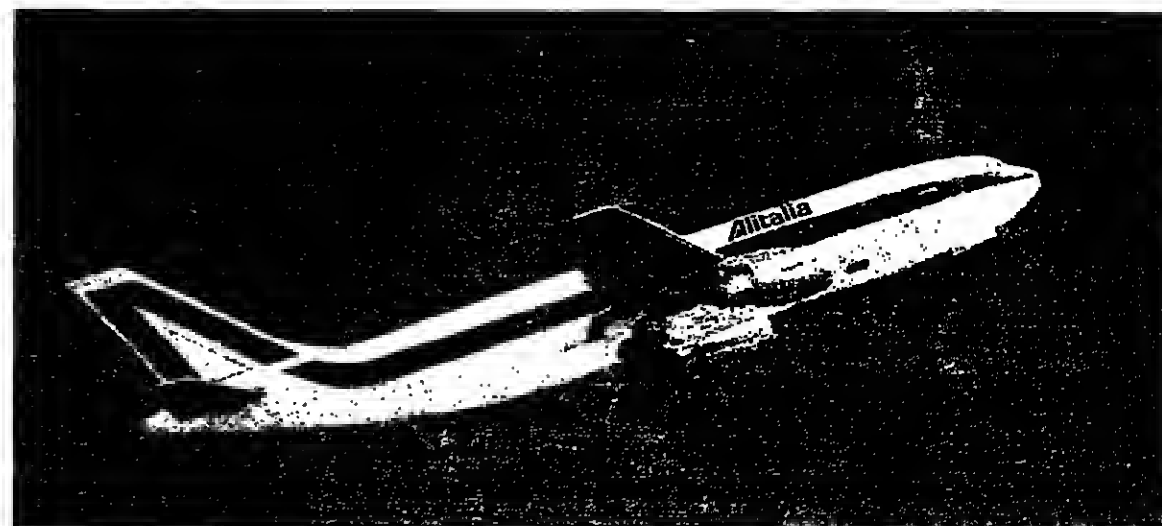
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# U.S. 'hit list' draws chorus of condemnation

**TOKYO (Agencies) —** Japan expressed strong regret and unleashed a barrage of countercharges Friday after Washington put it at the top of a list of alleged fair-trade violators.

The sharp Japanese reaction had been building for weeks and could augur a setback to the hope expressed in Washington that there be no backlash to naming Japan, India and Brazil as maintaining the most harmful trade barriers to American producers.

Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno summoned U.S. Ambassador Michael Armacost to deliver a protest, and the government said there were errors in the U.S. complaints about barriers to sales of supercomputers, satellites and forestry products.

Uno and other cabinet ministers said the U.S. action was "extremely regrettable" and expressed concern that such a unilateral move could hurt multilateral talks aimed at strengthening world trade.

The Japanese said they would reject negotiations under pressure of the designation.

"This designation in no way possesses legal binding force in the international trade system," said Hiroshi Mitsuoka, minister of international trade and industry.

Mitsuoka described U.S. trade policy as "to threaten other countries into negotiating by brandishing the threat of unilateral sanctions."

This, he said, was contrary to the principles of the multinational General Agreement on Tariffs

and Trade, or GATT, "and could undermine the existing multilateral free trade system and the ongoing Uruguay Round of GATT."

Foreign ministry spokesman Taizo Watanabe softened the trade minister's position on negotiations somewhat by saying Japan would agree to "quiet talks" that might coincide with U.S. demands under the 1988 trade law. He also said Japan might complain to GATT if the United States eventually imposes sanctions.

Japan has taken many steps to open its markets, Uno said, denying that the specific U.S. complaints "can be considered to constitute trade barriers."

Takuma Yamamoto, president of supercomputer maker Fujitsu Ltd., said the computer market in Japan "has been totally freed" and the government policy on buying supercomputers — contrary to the U.S. complaint — is not to discriminate between foreign and domestic producers.

He said U.S. supercomputers have 15 per cent of the Japanese market while Japanese supercomputers have only two per cent of the U.S. market. No Japanese supercomputer has ever been bought by a U.S. public organisation, Yamamoto said.

As the trade pressure built in recent weeks, Japan invited U.S.

firms to bid for eight supercomputers to be bought by government bodies in the coming year.

The government said sales of U.S. forestry products in Japan had doubled from 1986 to 1988, and the minister of posts and telecommunications, Seiichi Kataoka, said Japan was buying five American satellites this year, "which proves our satellite market is open to foreign companies."

## India

India also expressed anger over its inclusion on a U.S. list of nations accused of unfair trading practices.

Commerce Minister Dinesh Singh, leading the campaign to boost India's exports and narrow its balance of payments gap, said the United States was itself building barriers to block access to its markets.

Singh described Thursday's statement by U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills that India discouraged foreign investment and insurance as "totally unjustified, irrational and unfair."

The United States has said that the three nations could face retaliation, including 100 per cent tariffs on their U.S. exports, if barriers are not removed within 18 months.

Indian officials said they had already told Washington that insurance in India had been nationalised and that the U.S. had a fair share of marine and reinsurance business.

They said the investment cli-

mate had improved in the past four years and up to 40 per cent foreign equity was allowed in most cases and 100 per cent in some.

Rannag Singh, president of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, urged the Bush administration not to retaliate against India.

He said retaliatory measures would be resented by the Indian public because most exports to the United States were of labour-intensive products.

He said India's trade surplus of \$700 million with the United States was only 0.4 per cent of its overall trade deficit.

Viren Shah, head of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, described the U.S. action as unfortunate and said no government would want to change its policies under pressure from foreign countries.

Dinesh Singh said the United States was "building a multilateral negotiating system" and that India was a "just and honest trading partner."

"This action is a violation of the United States' own commitments under GATT," he said. "The United States action is particularly surprising because the U.S. itself has built and retained a variety of barriers against access to its markets. It is hardly in a position to ask others to lift barriers without doing so itself," he said.

Exports to the United States account for nearly 10 per cent of India's total exports.

## European Community

The European Community (EC) repeated its strong opposition to new U.S. trade legislation

even though it was excluded from a list of countries that Washington says engage in unfair trade practices.

A spokesman for the European Commission, the executive body responsible for the trade policy of the 12 EC states, said it vehemently opposed Washington's attack on Japan, Brazil and India.

"We profoundly regret the United States has chosen this route," the spokesman said. He did, however, welcome the fact that the Community was not on the "hit-list."

The gesture appears to be a further sign of a more conciliatory U.S. attitude in dealings with the EC.

The two sides have recently defused disputes over U.S. exports of meat from hormone-treated livestock, and decided that GATT panels should examine a U.S. complaint over EC oilseed subsidies and an EC complaint about U.S. sugar quotas.

EC Trade Commissioner Frans Andriessen met Hills in Washington last week, and President George Bush is due to meet EC Commission President Jacques Delors Tuesday.

The commission spokesman said the new U.S. law undermines global negotiations under way based on the auspices of the Geneva-based GATT.

## GATT

The world trade body GATT cautioned Friday against unilateral measures.

GATT spokesman David Woods told reporters in Geneva that the U.S. announcement did not yet constitute unilateral trade action.

## Industrialists launch society to boost exports

By Ziyad Al Shileh  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordanian Exporters Society (JES) was established in Jordan recently aims at promoting the marketing of Jordanian national products and opening new markets for the Kingdom's goods abroad, according to an announcement by Mr. Halim Abu Rahmeh, the society's executive director.

JES operates as an independent non-profitable entity seeking to develop the national economy through promoting sales of Jordanian products and helping

Jordanian businessmen to expand the scope of their operations abroad, Abu Rahmeh said.

Abu Rahmeh defined the society's objects as follows: — To gather all sorts of information of benefit to the Jordanian exporters and manufacturers and to place them under their disposal.

— To coordinate the process of marketing products through constant links with companies here and abroad and through marketing programmes.

— To conduct economic studies designed to develop Jordanian national exports and to pro-

vide surveys on the potential markets abroad.

To organise seminars and to distribute pamphlets and publications and to help organise fairs that can promote sales.

According to Abu Rahmeh, the society has already secured subscription to the World Trade Centre, which is based in Cairo and which will offer Jordanian businessmen and exporters access to important information about world trade through the centre's branches in 150 nations.

The JES has embarked on establishing a specialised library to provide valuable information to Jordanian exporters and to serve as a data bank for information on trade and import-export operations, Abu Rahmeh noted.

He added that the society's board maintains close coordination and cooperation with the Federations of Jordanian Chambers of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Free Zones Corporation in its endeavours to achieve its objectives.

The JES groups 25 members representing various industrial concerns and it is governed by a 10-member board of directors.

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They said that the Jordanian products on sale are being bought in great quantities by Tunisians and some of the displayed products already ran out on the first day.

Nearly 80 Jordanian businesses and companies are participating in the fair which was opened by Tunisian Economy Minister Ali Mousf Baleid.

The fair can sell directly to the

public products worth \$2.5 million in accordance with a bilateral agreement, the organisers said.

Jordan and Tunisia are linked by a 1987 trade and economic agreement which provides for the sale of \$30 million worth of products annually to be divided equally between the two sides.

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## AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Saturday, May 27, 1989  
Central Bank official rates

	Buy	Sell	French franc	80.1	80.7
U.S. dollar	338.0	342.0	Japanese yen (for 100)	380.8	384.4
Pound Sterling	854.9	863.9	Dutch guilder	240.7	242.6
Deutschmark	271.0	273.9	Swedish crown	80.6	81.2
Swiss franc	310.4	312.9	Irish (for 100)	37.5	37.8
			Belgian franc (for 10)	129.8	130.9

## Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during Tuesday, May 20, '89 and Wednesday May 24, '89. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Par value
<b>Banking and financial institutions</b>					
Industrial Development Bank	9815	16195	1.650	1.650	1.000
Petra Bank	11000	26400	2.450	2.400	1.000
Jordan Islamic Bank	300	585	1.980	1.950	1.000
Jordan Kuwait Bank	3755	5248	1.400	1.420	1.000
Jordan Gulf Bank	14552	17371	1.180	1.240	1.000
Housing Bank	6600	12170	1.850	1.830	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank	500	1183	2.300	2.370	1.000
Cairo Amman Bank	—	—	—	—	5.000
Bank of Jordan	1410	21544	15.250	15.400	5.000
Arab Bank	1670	247277	147.300	147.500	10.000
Jordan National Bank	8235	20323	2.480	2.450	1.000
Jordan Finance House for Development	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	10914	25145	2.500	2.570	1.000
Finance and Credit Corporation	—	—	—	—	1.000
National Financial Investments	26200	49592	1.900	1.870	1.000
National Portfolio Securities	19299	18623	0.930	0.980	1.000
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	93917	184317	2.000	1.710	1.000
Jordan Securities Corporation	—	—	—	—	1.000
Real Estate Financing Corporation	—	—	—	—	2.000
Beit Al Mal Saving & Investment for Housing	—	—	—	—	1.000
<b>Insurance and reinsurance</b>					
Middle East Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan French Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
REFCO Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Insurance	2250	7487	3.410	3.300	1.000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance	1300	1365	1.080	1.050	1.000
Yamouk Insurance and Reinsurance	335	452	1.350	1.350	1.000
Holy Land Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Philadelphia Insurance	4320	5329	1.170	1.230	1.000
Arab Union International Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan-Gulf Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
General Arabia Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
National Ahlia Insurance	900	1219	1.300	1.380	1.000
Arab Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
United Insurance	742	905	1.210	1.220	1.000
<b>Services and industries</b>					
General Investments	—	—	—	—	1.000
Imna for Investment and Financial Facilities	3134	2374	0.740	0.830	1.000
Darco for Housing and Investment	169298	139570	0.830	0.810	1.000
Real Estate Investment (Aqarco)	92951	60070	0.650	0.630	1.000
Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment	27400	9694	0.360	0.350	1.000
Jordan Leasing Corporation	—	—	—	—	1.000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments	23271	3957	0.670	0.670	1.000
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Ta'jeero	13500	4040	0.810	0.780	1.000
International Contracting & Investment	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordanian Electric Power	8272	12294	1.490	1.490	1.000
Irbid District Electricity	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab International Hotels	145340	168289	1.150	1.160	1.000
Hotels and Tourism	1080	2354	2.300	2.180	1.000
United Middle East and Commodore Hotels	48200	27374	0.480	0.590	1.000
Garage Owners Federation Office	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan National Shipping Lines	44870	50597	1.120	1.140	1.000
Jordan Press Foundation	1000	2600	2.600	2.600	1.000
Jordan Press and Publishing	—	—	—	—	1.000
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing	45816	16553	0.420	0.360	1.000
Jordan Dairy	130240	137540	0.960	1.100	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	75241	268956	3.600	3.550	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	1006268	2137308	2.000	2.190	1.000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	13730	53443	3.700	3.900	1.000
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Intaj)	32704	55702	1.680	1.740	1.000
Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	1500	6765	4.500	4.510	1.000
Jordan Kuwait for Agricultural Products	19000	9900	0.910	0.910	1.000
Jordan Sweets and Chocolate Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	1.000
Aladdin Industries	265475	534989	1.880	2.140	1.000
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	107077	222663	2.000	2.110	1.000
Jordan Wursted Mills	3716	17091	4.600	4.650	1.000
Jordan Ceramics	21398	44463	2.010	2.100	1.000
Chemical Industries	24350	62722	2.470	2.580	1.000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	93450	70646	0.720	0.750	1.000
Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment	15428	37825	2.450	2.470	1.000
National Steel Industries	23189	66191	2.860	2.850	1.000
Universal Chemical Industries	111785	373507	3.100	3.300	5.000
General Mining	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery	3741	28814	7.840	7.790	1.000
Jordan Lime & Brick	79250	13950	0.180	0.180	1.000
National Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Paper Converting and Trading	10550	3390	0.350	0.350	1.000
Arab Investment and International Trade	2324	1527	0.610	0.660	1.000
Jordan Wooden Industries (JWICO)	53900	132411	2.380	2.460	1.000
Livestock and Poultry	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing	150782	331234	2.190	2.240	1.000
Rafia Industrial for Plastic Bags	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Paper and Cardboard	2250	8235	3.550	3.670	1.000
Jordan Rockwool Industries	85450	85665	0.980	1.020	1.000
Trans-Jordan Minerals Research	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Himeh Mineral	—	—	—	—	1.000
Orient Dry Batteries Factory	—	—	—	—	1.000
Woolen Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Tanning	—	—	—	—	5.000
Jordan Printing and Packaging	301	1279	4.250	4.250	1.000
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette	110	2140	19.750	19.500	1.000
Mas Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Center for Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals	608942	763891	1.120	1.340	1.000
National Cable & Wire Manufacturing	100750	277372	2.600	2.740	1.000
Jordan Spinning & Weaving	450984	562052	1.160	1.270	1.000
Jordan Sulpho Chemicals	147380	327289	2.070	2.200	1.000
Jordan Cement Factories	399172	42601	1.110	1.090	1.000
Jordan Glass Industries	11050	11337	1.400	1.020	1.000
Jordan Precast Concrete Industry	281372	203617	0.720	0.740	1.000
Grand total	3,781,045	6,501,961			



## SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Lawson suited by West German track

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany (R) — World 500CC motorcycle champion Eddie Lawson, suited by the fast track, believes he can repeat his victory here of two years ago in Sunday's West German Grand Prix. The riders' boycott in the rain in the last round two weeks ago in Italy left the American second in this season's championship 10 points behind compatriot Wayne Gardner. But Honda rider Lawson, who won West German Grand Prix in 1986 and 1987, says the long Hockenheim straights "are just what I need." "These straights are overtaking lanes for the Hondas. Hockenheim is the first time this season we've really been able to use the power of the Hondas," he said. But, as in Italy, early practice was dominated by the Suzuki of last year's winner, Kevin Schwantz. The American won in Japan this year but crashed while leading the Spanish Grand Prix with six laps to go. Australian Kevin Magee is back in action six weeks after breaking a leg and an ankle at the U.S. Grand Prix and only one week after having a screw removed from the ankle.

## Lewis and others threaten boycott

HOUSTON (AP) — Carl Lewis and other American Olympic medalists in track and field disgruntled with the athletics congress say they are boycotting the national outdoor championships next month. "We cannot continue to be put in this position because the TAC is killing track in America. They are holding back funds, they are misappropriating situations and making it very difficult for athletes to compete here," Lewis, a six-time Olympic gold medal winner, said Thursday. "They're taking in a lot of money and giving out very little and then asking all the athletes to continue to go." Lewis said he'd like TAC to establish a plan to pay the top 10 athletes in every event, instead of the current process of paying only about 10 to 15 athletes, including Lewis, while "everyone else gets dogged." Lewis said TAC has arranged a profitable television package with Turner Broadcasting System, but are "failing to give any more than 15 to 20 percent of that money to the competitions, so the meets cannot function."

## Crawford back undaunted

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Taped to a wall above the workbench in driver Jim Crawford's garage is a piece of adhesive that says: "Miracles take a few days. The impossible a little longer." Exactly one week after the worst wreck at the Indy 500 this season, Crawford made the impossible happen. Never mind that the irrepressible, 41-year-old Scotsman hasn't been put back together as quickly, or as well, as the 1987 Lola Buick he powered to a 214,745 mile (345,589 kilometer) per hour lap Thursday. That is beside the point. "It's a little bit like getting back on a horse," Crawford said. "Anyway, it's the car and the guys who put it back together that deserve most of the credit anyway." On May 14, Crawford qualified the red, yellow-and-white trimmed Lola at 221,450 mile (356,379-kilometer) per hour in the fourth spot on the inside of the second row for Sunday's Indianapolis 500 race. On May 18, he wrecked it.

## Prost looking for Mexico win

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Formula One race driver Alain Prost of France says he's determined to defeat his McLaren teammate, Ayrton Senna of Brazil, to repeat as the winner of the Mexico Grand Prix auto race. "We get along very well, on and off the track," Prost told reporters upon his arrival in Mexico City for Sunday's race. But he added: "My object is to win the Mexico Grand Prix. I come here determined to repeat last year's triumph on this circuit." Prost's toughest competitor may well be Senna, who has won the last two Grand Prix races, in Monte Carlo and San Marino. Senna and Prost are tied for first in this year's drivers' points standings, with 18 each, followed by Nigel Mansell of Britain with nine points. McLaren also is well ahead in the team standings with 31 points, followed by Ferrari with nine and Benetton-Ford with eight. Prost said he hoped "that on this occasion the track conditions are better." Drivers in past races at the Rodriguez Brothers autodrome have complained of bumpy track conditions.

## Evert says she may quit

LONDON (R) — American tennis star Chris Evert said Friday she may quit the game because she has lost motivation and form. "I may have finally come to the end of the road," the 34-year-old Evert said at London's Heathrow airport on her way home to Florida. Evert, who pulled out of the French Open Wednesday after a surprise second-round defeat by Austrian teenager Barbara Paulus at the European Open in Geneva, added that if she did decide to play Wimbledon it would be her last appearance there. "I love Wimbledon and would hate to miss it, but I wouldn't want to come and lose in the first round," the three-times Wimbledon champion said. Evert, who has also won the French Open a record seven times as well as eight other Grand Slam titles, said she was surprised she had lasted so long in tennis.

## Arsenal snatch league title in dying seconds

## Arsenal praises Liverpool



Liverpool's Ian Rush and John Aldridge with the cup between their palms... but the league lay just out of reach.

LONDON (R) — Arsenal manager George Graham, whose side snatched the English league title from Liverpool in the thrilling last seconds of the season Friday night, believes his side could learn a lot from the deposed champions.

"In the end I still think Liverpool play magnificent football and that's what we want to emulate," Graham said after Arsenal's 2-0 victory at Anfield carried them to their first championship since 1971.

Graham's tribute to Liverpool, who were attempting to become the first side to win the League and cup double twice after their football association (FA) Cup triumph last Saturday, followed a nail-biting climax to the final game of the season.

Arsenal needed to beat Liverpool by two clear goals to clinch the crown — something no side had done at Anfield for three years.

Alan Smith gave the Londoners hope when he scored with a header in the 52nd minute. But it was Michael Thomas's injury time winner which stunned Liverpool's fans, who had already begun to celebrate another championship triumph. Graham, who played in the

Arsenal side which won the double in 1971, said his team was not playing as well as it could.

"We can actually improve our play by about 40 per cent," he said. "This wasn't our best performance of the season, not by a long way, although of course the result was the most important."

"No words can really describe how I feel, but we have laid a foundation at Highbury, a way to handle ourselves both on and off the pitch and this is our reward," Graham added.

Veteran Highbury campaigner David O'Leary, an Arsenal player for 16 years, said all his hopes had now been fulfilled.

"I've now everything with the club. I know what it's like to be a winner and a loser for Arsenal, but I stayed at Highbury to win the league championship when others moved on and I know now it's all been worthwhile," the 31-year-old Irish international said.

## Revolutionary French Open: watershed for top players

PARIS (AP) — Liberty: the Soviets want their prize money. Equality: the men's game is enjoying a refreshing party. Fraternity: amateurs round the world say players are behaving better at all the time.

As France celebrates the bicentenary of its revolution, the three ideals established there 200 years ago are making a pitch in world tennis, boosting interest and excitement for the French Open beginning this week.

Although millionaires like Ivan Lendl and Steffi Graf will be satisfied with nothing less than the top prize at the second of the Grand Slam events to boost their earnings, players like Natalia Zvereva and Andrei Chesnokov simply will be out to keep whatever they earn.

Both Soviets have signed contracts with the Washington-based Sports agency, Proserv, hoping the agreement will enable them to enjoy the same freedom of earnings as Western players.

Traditionally, Soviet players have handed over most of their earnings to the national federation. "Like Natalia, I am merely seeking to exercise my rights as a professional tennis player in order for me to compete at my best," said Chesnokov, winner of almost \$60,000 this season. "I must be able to control aspects of my career including my schedule, prize money and my endorsements."

Sadly, many of the world's top players will be absent from Roland Garros, the Mecca of clay-court tennis.

Martina Navratilova, a two-time champion, is skipping the French Open, preferring a long preparation for the grass courts of Wimbledon, her most successful arena where she feels she has her best shot at dethroning Grand Slam Queen Graf.

Chris Evert, Navratilova's long-time friend and rival, is also out, saying she is unable to get herself motivated for one last shot at an eighth French title.

"I'm not in the right frame of mind for Paris," Evert said this week after a 6-4, 6-1 defeat in Geneva, Switzerland, to Barbara Paulus, the latest in a series of losses to young, low-ranked players this season.

"In the last three years, I haven't gotten better," the 34-year-old American said. "I'm going to

go home and evaluate what I'm going to do."

The men's field also will be missing some of its most charismatic figures, including last year's beaten finalist, Frenchman Henri Leconte, and American John McEnroe, who was seeded sixth but withdrew because of a back injury.

Within a few days of pulling out, the left-handed New Yorker was signed up for a Wimbledon warmup tournament in Beckenham, England, during the second week of Roland Garros, implying that he, like Navratilova, was more serious about grass than clay.

For most of the top men's players on the circuit, however, Roland Garros, where consistency and stamina reap rewards, is the only place to be for the next fortnight.

At stake is a winner's purse of \$291,752, \$45,000 more than last year.

Favourite to collect the champion's check once again is Czechoslovakia's Lendl, winner of five tournaments this season and the only man still capable of winning the Grand Slam following his victory in the Australian Open.

Lendl, aiming for his fourth French crown, is followed in the seedings list by Boris Becker, the 21-year-old West German who has never won a major clay-court event but has been improving steadily on the surface and is keen to add the French title to his two Wimbledon championships.

For defending champion Mats Wilander, the next two weeks could be a long struggle.

A year ago, the soft-spoken Swede was a model of consistency, sweeping through opponents on clay with a clinical regularity that took him toward the No. 1 position in the world.

But holding on to the top spot and to his devastating form has proved far harder and Wilander, who hasn't won a tournament since the U.S. Open in September, has slipped down three places in the rankings after a succession of listless performances.

At the Italian Open in Rome last week, Wilander fought back twice from first-set deficits to reach the third round. But there, he was hammered 6-3, 6-4 by unseeded American Jay Berger in another confidence shaker.

Despite the setback, Wilander said he is still eager to defend his French title.

## Baseball: National League round-up

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Clancy won for the first time since April 8 and Glenn Davis homered Friday night, leading the Houston Astros past Pittsburgh 4-2 to snap the Pirates' season-high four-game winning streak.

Clancy, 2-4, beat San Diego in his national league debut but went winless in his next seven starts, losing four. He allowed six hits in 6 2-3 innings, walked six and struck out five.

Dave Smith pitched a hitless ninth for his seventh save. Neal Heaton, 1-5, lost for the eighth time in nine decisions since last July 26. Heaton, who beat Clancy last Sunday, allowed seven hits and four runs in five innings.

In other national league games Friday, it was Cincinnati 10, Chicago 8, 12 innings; St. Louis 3, Atlanta 0; New York 8, Los Angeles 2; Montreal 5, San Diego 0; and San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 1.

Cardinals 3, Braves 0

Scott Terry allowed two hits in seven innings and Willie McGee drove in two runs as Atlanta lost its sixth straight and 11th in 13 games.

The Braves have scored 13 runs in their last 10 games and have been shut out four times.

Reds 10, Cubs 8

Rolando Roomes hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning as Cincinnati rallied from a five-run deficit.

Roomes, who had three hits, hit his second major-league homer off Calvin Schiraldi, 1-2, after Todd Benizinger, who drove in four runs, walked to start the inning.

Expos 5, Padres 0

Bryn Smith pitched a six-hitter for Montreal's third consecutive shutout as the Expos won their third straight. Smith, 5-1, struck

out two and walked one in his first shutout and second complete game this season.

Montreal has not allowed a run in 28 consecutive innings. The Expos' record of 41 consecutive shutout innings was set in May 1985.

Mets 8, Dodgers 2

Bob Ojeda pitched a seven-hitter for his first complete game

since nearly severing a finger last September.

Darryl Strawberry drove in three runs with a pair of doubles as the Mets knocked out Hershey after five innings, his shortest outing in 19 starts. He was chased after two innings in a 15-4 loss to San Francisco last Aug. 14.

Ojeda, 2-5, struck out three and walked one as he became the first left-hander to beat the Dodgers at home this year.

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## GOREN BRIDGE

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## YOU GOTTA BELIEVE!

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH  
♠ 9 7 6 4 2  
♥ K 7  
♦ K 7 3  
♣ K 6 4

EAST  
♠ 10 9 7 4 2  
♥ A 3 5 3  
♦ A 9 5 4 2  
♣ Q 10 9

SOUTH  
♠ Q J 10 8 5  
♥ A  
♦ A Q  
♣ J 7 5 3 2

The bidding:  
South - West - North - East  
1 ♠ - Pass - 4 ♠ - Pass  
Pass - Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠  
Three are, some contracts you can guarantee. All you can do is take your best line and hope for a favorable lie of the cards.

Even in expert circles there is great disagreement about the correct opening bid when you hold five spades and five clubs. Obviously, South was among those who believed in opening one spade, and it

got him to game in quick time.

West led the top of his heart sequence, and declarer was not thrilled with his prospects. It would seem that he had to lose three club tricks and the ace of trumps. But he saw a possibility of an endplay if he could eliminate the side suits and the defenders could not unscramble their club tricks.

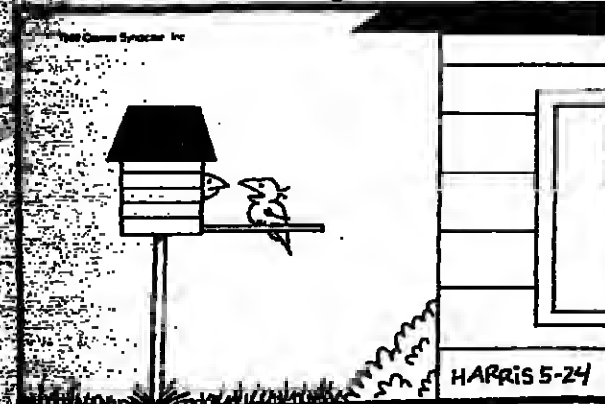
Declarer won the opening lead, cashed the ace of diamonds and overtook the queen of diamonds with the king—a vital stratagem in his scheme. Next, he eliminated the diamonds by ruffing dummy's remaining card in the suit.

Declarer had done all he could—the rest was in the lap of the gods. He exited with a trump and a prayer, and the fates smiled on him.

In with the ace of spades, West could not lead a red card—that would allow declarer to discard a club from dummy while ruffing in hand. But as it happened, a club was no better. East could win two tricks in the suit, but the clubs were blocked. His forced red-suit return presented declarer with a ruff-stuff and his contract.

## THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



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## JUMBLE.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

URROF

OBOAT

WADROC

TESKAB



ANOTHER NAME FOR NEWLY HATCHED TERMITES.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

IN THE

(Answers tomorrow)

Answer: What the coach kept saying to the team of zombies—LOOK ALIVE!

## FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1989

## YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

by Thomas Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Don't expect to achieve a lot in the morning, as there is a let-it-wait attitude that will last until afternoon.

In the evening, sensual desires build and there is a need for exciting relationships.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Put energy into personal pleasure. New scenes and activities will please you and your current honey. The trend is upward.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) A release of romantic tension can turn out to be pleasurable. Your emotions need special attention. True love can be the ultimate gift.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Satisfy an appetite for mental gymnastics with a good rap session. Your intellect is creative, but lacks focus.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Pinching the budget may have family members screaming. You may be pressed for time and find yourself racing to keep up.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Avoid someone who borrows but never pays back. Innocent flirting with the wrong person can get you in trouble. Use moderation.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Work on household budgets and ex-

amine cash flow. You will find out that finances are better than you expected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Illusions of grandeur can be a letdown, as it interferes with another's opinion of you. Other people already regard you highly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your physical body is asking for a rest. Stick to basics and keep a low profile. Casual friends brighten up the evening.

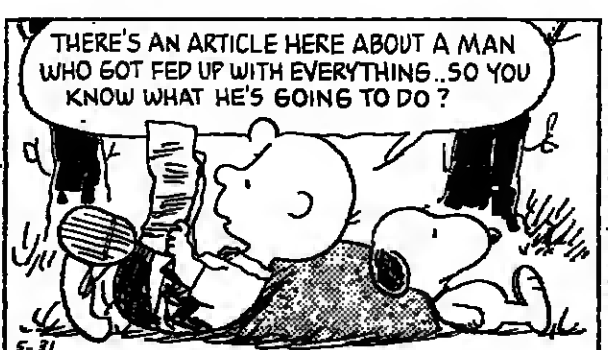
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are on a domestic binge. Flex your culinary skills. Beware, family members may be in a teasing and joking mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) The week ahead will go better if you organize yourself today. Show sympathy to someone who is feeling low.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Keep personal matters to yourself. Take a short trip and make contact with people whom you do not normally associate.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You can use a better friend. You may want to show someone where the door is. Distant telephone calls will bring back pleasant memories.

## Peanuts



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BY JOHNNY HART



## Andy Capp

